Analysis can be accessed in ADAMS under Accession No. ML20168B041. The FY 2017 Service Contract Inventory Analysis was published on the NRC’s website at the following location: https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/contracting.html.

- **Attention:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Availability of the Service Contract Inventory:** The NRC’s FY 2018 Service Contract Inventory data is included in a Government-wide service contract inventory that was published at the following location: https://www.acquisition.gov/service-contract-inventory.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Daly, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–8079 or email: Jill.Daly@nrc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 111–117, the NRC is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of its FY 2018 Service Contract Inventory and FY 2017 Service Contract Inventory Analysis.

The inventory provides information on service contracts with a value of $150,000.00 or more that were awarded in FY 2018. The inventory includes the following:

1. A description of the services purchased;
2. The role the contracted services played in achieving agency objectives;
3. The dollar amount obligated for the services under the contract, and the funding source for the contract;
4. The contract type and date of the award;
5. The name of the contractor and place of performance;
6. The dollar amount invoiced for services under the contract;
7. The number and work location of contractor and first-tier subcontractor employees, expressed as full-time equivalents for direct labor, compensated under the contract;
8. Whether the contract is a personal services contract; and
9. Whether the contract was awarded on a non-competitive basis.

The FY 2017 Inventory Analysis provides information on specific service contract actions that were analyzed as part of the NRC’s FY 2017 Service Contract Inventory.

The purpose of the analysis is to determine if contract labor is being used in an effective and appropriate manner and if the mix of federal employees and contractors in the agency is effectively balanced.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
James C. Corbett,
Deputy Director, Office of Administration.

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

**Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation**

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is soliciting nominations for appointment to the Advisory Committee of the PBGC.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before March 29, 2021. Please allow three weeks for regular mail delivery to PBGC.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations must be submitted electronically to OfficeOfTheDirector@pbgc.gov as email attachments in Word or pdf format, or by mail to Office of the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005–4026.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC or the Corporation) administers the pension plan termination insurance program under Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Section 4002(h) of ERISA provides for the establishment of an Advisory Committee to the Corporation. The Advisory Committee consists of seven members appointed by the President from among individuals recommended by the PBGC Board of Directors, which consists of the Secretaries of Labor, Treasury, and Commerce. The Advisory Committee members are as follows:

- Two representatives of employee organizations;
- Two representatives of employers who maintain pension plans; and
- Three representatives of the general public.

No more than four members of the Committee shall be members of the same political party. Anyone currently subject to federal registration requirements as a lobbyist is not eligible for appointment.

Advisory Committee members must have experience with employee organizations, employers who maintain defined benefit pension plans, the administration or advising of pension plans, or in related fields. Appointments are for 3-year terms. Reappointments are possible but are subject to the appointment process.

The Advisory Committee’s prescribed duties include advising the Corporation as to its policies and procedures relating to investment of moneys, and other issues as the Corporation may request or as the Advisory Committee determines appropriate. The Advisory Committee meets at least six times each year. At least one meeting is a joint meeting with the PBGC Board of Directors.

By February 19, 2021, the term of one of the Advisory Committee members representing the general public will have expired. Therefore, PBGC is seeking nominations for one seat.

PBGC is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Advisory Committee.

If you or your organization wants to nominate one or more people for appointment to the Advisory Committee to represent the general public, you may submit nominations to PBGC. Nominations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the nomination. PBGC encourages you to include additional supporting letters of nomination. PBGC will not consider self-nominations or nominations subject to federal registration as a lobbyist.

Nominations, including supporting letters, should:

- State the person’s qualifications to serve on the Advisory Committee (including any specialized knowledge or experience relevant to the nominee’s proposed Advisory Committee position to represent the general public);
- State that the candidate will accept appointment to the Advisory Committee if offered;
- Include the nominee’s full name, work affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address; and
- Include the nominator’s full name, mailing address, phone number, and email address; and
- Include the nominator’s signature, whether sent by email or otherwise.
PBGC will contact nominees for information on their political affiliation and their status as registered lobbyists. Nominees should be aware of the time commitment for attending meetings and actively participating in the work of the Advisory Committee. Historically, this has meant a commitment of at least 15 days per year. PBGC has a process for vetting nominees under consideration for appointment.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Gordon Hartogensis,
Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Rule 11.600 Series, the Exchange’s Compliance Rule Regarding the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail

February 5, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 the Securities and Exchange Commission (“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 is proposing to amend to the Rule 11.600 Series, the Exchange’s compliance rule (“Compliance Rule”) regarding the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail (the “CAT NMS Plan” or “Plan”)3 to be consistent with the Allocation Exemption.4 The Commission granted the relief conditioned upon the Participants’ adoption of Compliance Rules that implement an alternative approach to reporting allocations to the Central Repository described in the Allocation Exemption (referred to as the “Allocation Alternative”).

(1) Request for Exemptive Relief

Pursuant to Section 6.4(d)(ii)(A) of the CAT NMS Plan, each Participant must, through its Compliance Rule, require its Industry Members to record and report to the Central Repository, if the order is executed, in whole or in part: (1) An Allocation Report;5 (2) the SRO-Assigned Market Participant Identifier of the clearing broker or prime broker, if applicable; and the (3) CAT-Order-ID of any contra-side order(s). Accordingly, the text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at www.iextrading.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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed the alternative approach it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statement may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend IEX Rule Series 11.600 to be consistent with the Allocation Exemption. The Commission granted the relief conditioned upon the Participants’ adoption of Compliance Rules that implement an alternative approach to reporting allocations to the Central Repository described in the Allocation Exemption (referred to as the “Allocation Alternative”).

(1) Request for Exemptive Relief

Pursuant to Section 6.4(d)(ii)(A) of the CAT NMS Plan, each Participant must, through its Compliance Rule, require its Industry Members to record and report to the Central Repository, if the order is executed, in whole or in part: (1) An Allocation Report;5 (2) the SRO-Assigned Market Participant Identifier of the clearing broker or prime broker, if applicable; and the (3) CAT-Order-ID of any contra-side order(s). Accordingly, the text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at www.iextrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

2. Statutory Basis

In addition, under the Allocation Alternative, an “Allocation” would be defined as: (1) The placement of shares/contracts into the same account for which an order was originally placed; or (2) the placement of shares/contracts into an account based on allocation instructions (e.g., subaccount allocations, delivery versus payment (“DVP”) allocations). Pursuant to this definition and the proposed Allocation Alternative, an Industry Member that performs an Allocation to an account that is not a client account, such as proprietary accounts and events including step outs,6 or correspondent flips,7 would not be required to submit the Exchange and the other Participants implemented Compliance Rules that require their Industry Members that are executing brokers to submit to the Central Repository, among other things, Allocation Reports and the SRO-Assigned Market Participant Identifier of the clearing broker or prime broker, if applicable. On August 27, 2020, the Participants submitted to the Commission a request for an exemption from certain allocation reporting requirements set forth in Sections 6.4(d)(ii)(A)(1) and (2) of the CAT NMS Plan (“Exemption Request”).8 In the Exemption Request, the Participants requested that they be permitted to implement the Allocation Alternative, which, as noted above, is an alternative approach to reporting allocations to the Central Repository. Under the Allocation Alternative, any Industry Member that performs an allocation to a client account would be required under the Compliance Rule to submit an Allocation Report to the Central Repository when shares/contracts are allocated to a client account regardless of whether the Industry Member was involved in executing the underlying order(s). Under the Allocation Alternative, a “client account”9 would be any account that is not owned or controlled by the Industry Member. In addition, under the Allocation Alternative, an “Allocation” would be defined as: (1) The placement of shares/contracts into the same account for which an order was originally placed; or (2) the placement of shares/contracts into an account based on allocation instructions (e.g., subaccount allocations, delivery versus payment (“DVP”) allocations). Pursuant to this definition and the proposed Allocation Alternative, an Industry Member that performs an Allocation to an account that is not a client account, such as proprietary accounts and events including step outs, or correspondent flips, would not be required to submit

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5 See Section 1.1 of the CAT NMS Plan defines an “Allocation Report” as “a report made to the Central Repository by an Industry Member that identifies the Firm Designated ID for any account(s), including subaccount(s), to which executed shares are allocated and provides the security that has been allocated, the identifier of the firm reporting the allocation, the price per share of shares allocated, the number of shares allocated to each account, and the time of the allocation; provided for the avoidance of doubt, any such Allocation Report shall not be required to be linked to particular orders or executions.”
6 “A step-out allows a broker-dealer to allocate all or part of a client’s position from a previously executed trade to the client’s account at another broker-dealer. In other words, a step-out functions as a client’s position transfer, rather than a trade; there is no exchange of shares and funds and no change in beneficial ownership.” See FINRA, Trade Reporting Frequently Asked Questions, at Section 301, available at: https://www.finra.org/filing-reporting/market-transparency/reporting/trade-reporting-faq.
7 Correspondent clearing flips are the movement of a position from one executing broker’s account to a different account for clearance and settlement, allowing a broker-dealer to execute a trade through another broker-dealer and settle the trade in its own account. See, e.g., The Depository Trust & Clearing

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3 Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used in this filing are defined as set forth in the Compliance Rule.