

information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to this Rule is deemed confidential pursuant to Section 17(j) of the Exchange Act and Section 552(b)(3)(B) of the Freedom of Information Act,⁸ notwithstanding any other provision of law. In addition, paragraph 17i–8(c) specifies that the notices and reports filed in accordance with Rule 17i–8 will be accorded confidential treatment to the extent permitted by law.

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 control number.

Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC, 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: *Shagufta_Ahmed@comb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Charles Boucher, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad–13; SEC File No. 270–263; OMB Control No. 3235–0275.

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”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval of extension of the existing collection of information provided for Rule 17Ad–13 (17 CFR 240.17Ad–13) under the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”).

Rule 17Ad–13 requires approximately 150 registered transfer agents to obtain an annual report on the adequacy of internal accounting controls. In addition, transfer agents must maintain copies of any reports prepared pursuant to Rule 17Ad–13 plus any documents prepared to notify the Commission and appropriate regulatory agencies in the event that the transfer agent is required to take any corrective action. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. Small transfer agents are exempt from Rule 17Ad–13.

The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17Ad–13 is 120 hours annually. The total burden is 18,000 hours annually for transfer agents, based upon past submissions. The staff estimates that the average cost per hour is approximately \$60. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for transfer agents is \$1,080,000.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad–13 is three years following the date of a report prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad–13 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

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Extension:

Rule 17i–5; SEC File No. 270–531; OMB Control No. 3235–0590.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995¹ the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulations citation to this collection of information is the following rule: 17 CFR 240.17i–5.

Section 231 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999² (the “GLBA”) amended Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q) (the “Exchange Act”) to create a regulatory framework under which a holding company of a broker-dealer (“investment bank holding company” or “IBHC”) may voluntarily be supervised by the Commission as a supervised investment bank holding company (or “SIBHC”).³ In 2004, the Commission promulgated rules, including Rule 17i–5, to create a framework for the Commission to supervise SIBHCs.⁴ This framework includes qualification criteria for SIBHCs, as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Among other things, this regulatory framework for SIBHCs is intended to provide a basis for non-U.S. financial regulators to treat the Commission as the principal U.S. consolidated, home-country supervisor for SIBHCs and their affiliated broker-dealers.⁵

Pursuant to Section 17(i)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act, an SIBHC would be required to make and keep records,

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

² Pub. L. 106–102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999).

³ See 15 U.S.C. 78q(i).

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 49831 (Jun. 8, 2004), 69 FR 34472 (Jun. 21, 2004).

⁵ See H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 106–434, 165 (1999).

See also Exchange Act Release No. 49831, at 6 (Jun. 8, 2004), 69 FR 34472, at 34473 (Jun. 21, 2004).

⁸ 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3)(B).