

Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Under Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), lump-sum death benefits are payable to surviving widow(er)s, children, and certain other dependents. Lump-sum death benefits are payable after the death of a railroad employee *only* if there are no qualified survivors of the employee immediately eligible for annuities. With the exception of the residual death benefit, eligibility for survivor benefits depends on whether the deceased employee was

“insured” under the RRA at the time of death. If the deceased employee was not insured, jurisdiction of any survivor benefits payable is transferred to the Social Security Administration and survivor benefits are paid by that agency instead of the RRB. The requirements for applying for benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 217, 219, and 234.

The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and amount of the survivor death benefits applied for. To collect the information, the RRB uses Forms AA-11a, *Designation for Change of Beneficiary for Residual Lump-Sum*; AA-21, *Application for Lump-Sum Death Payment and Annuities Unpaid at Death*; AA-21cert, *Application Summary and Certification*; G-131, *Authorization of Payment and Release of All Claims to a Death Benefit or Accrued Annuity Payment*; and G-273a, *Funeral Director’s Statement of Burial Charges*. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (80 FR 44402 on July 27, 2015) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Application for Survivor Death Benefits.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0031.

Form(s) submitted: AA-11a, AA-21cert, AA-21, G-131, G-273a.

Type of request: Revision of an approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: The collection obtains the information needed to pay death benefits and annuities due but unpaid at death under the Railroad Retirement Act. Benefits are paid to designated beneficiaries or to survivors in a priority designated law.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes the following changes to the forms in the information collection:

- Form AA-11a—Remove from the information collection due to less than 10 responses a year.
- Form AA-21—Add clarifying language to better define who qualifies for a child’s annuity and other minor editorial changes.
- Form G-131—For clarity, add an Instructions section and space for the RRB to enter the applicant’s name and the waived share amount.
- Form G-273a—Add clarifying language to Item 2, regarding the total amount of charges the funeral home should enter; and what the funeral home should list as types of payments received or expected to be received to Item 3.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
AA-21 (without assistance)	200	40	133
AA-21cert (with assistance)	3,500	20	1,167
G-131	100	5	8
G-273a	4,000	10	667
Total	7,800	1,975

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751-4981 or Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Charles Mierzwa, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Charles Mierzwa,

Chief of Information Resources Management.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-75970; File No. SR-BATS-2015-57]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To Adopt New Rule 8.17 To Provide a Process for an Expedited Suspension Proceeding and Rule 12.15 To Prohibit Layering and Spoofing on BATS Exchange, Inc.

September 23, 2015.

On July 30, 2015, BATS Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section

19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to adopt an expedited proceeding for issuing suspension orders, and if necessary, imposing other sanctions, to prohibit Exchange Members, or their clients, from engaging in trading activities that constitute continued layering or spoofing on the Exchange. On August 11, 2015, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal.³ The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Amendment No. 1 amended and replaced the original proposal in its entirety.

August 19, 2015.⁴ The Commission received five comment letters regarding the proposed rule change.⁵

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁶ provides that, within 45 days of the publication of the notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is October 3, 2015. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change, the comments received, and any response to the comments submitted by the Exchange. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ designates November 17, 2015 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR-BATS-2015-57).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75693 (August 13, 2015), 80 FR 50370.

⁵ See letters from: Teresa Machado B., dated August 19, 2015; Samuel F. Lek, Chief Executive Officer, Lek Securities Corporation, dated September 3, 2015; R.T. Leuchtkafer to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, dated September 4, 2015; Mary Ann Burns, Chief Operating Officer, FIA Principal Traders Group, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, dated September 9, 2015; and Samuel F. Lek, Chief Executive Officer, Lek Securities Corporation, dated September 18, 2015.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33-9927; 34-75973; File No. 265-27]

Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Davis, Senior Special Counsel, Office of Small Business Policy, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, (202) 551-3460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C.—App., the Commission is publishing this notice that the Chair of the Commission, with the concurrence of the other Commissioners, has approved the renewal of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies (the “Committee”). The Chair of the Commission affirms that the renewal of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee’s objective is to provide the Commission with advice on its rules, regulations, and policies, with regard to its mission of protecting investors, maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitating capital formation, as they relate to the following:

(1) Capital raising by emerging privately held small businesses (“emerging companies”) and publicly traded companies with less than \$250 million in public market capitalization (“smaller public companies”) through securities offerings, including private and limited offerings and initial and other public offerings;

(2) trading in the securities of emerging companies and smaller public companies; and

(3) public reporting and corporate governance requirements of emerging companies and smaller public companies.

Up to 20 voting members will be appointed to the Committee who can effectively represent those directly affected by, interested in, and/or qualified to provide advice to the Commission on its rules, regulations,

and policies as set forth above. The Committee’s membership will continue to be balanced fairly in terms of points of view represented and functions to be performed. Non-voting observers for the Committee from the North American Securities Administrators Association and the U.S. Small Business Administration may also be named.

The charter provides that the duties of the Committee are to be solely advisory. The Commission alone will make any determinations of action to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to matters within the Commission’s authority as to which the Committee provides advice or makes recommendations. The Committee will meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its functions. The charter contemplates that the full Committee will meet four times annually. Meetings of subgroups or subcommittees of the full Committee may occur more frequently.

The Committee will operate for two years from the date it was renewed or such earlier date as determined by the Commission unless, before the expiration of that time period, it is renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the charter for the Committee has been filed with the Chair of the Commission, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate, the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and the Library of Congress. It also has been posted on the Commission’s Web site at www.sec.gov.

By the Commission.

Dated: September 24, 2015.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.