

submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-IEX-2024-16 and should be submitted on or before October 11, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶⁰

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-172, OMB Control No. 3235-0169]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Form N-5

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

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 (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form N-5 (17 CFR 239.24 and 274.5) is the form used by small business investment companies ("SBICs") to

register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) ("Securities Act") and the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act"). Form N-5 is the registration statement form adopted by the Commission for use by an SBIC that has been licensed as such under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 or which has received the preliminary approval of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") and has been notified by the SBA that the company may submit a license application Form N-5 is an integrated registration form and may be used as the registration statement under both the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act. The purpose of Form N-5 is to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of both the Securities Act and Investment Company Act, and to provide investors with information sufficient to evaluate an investment in an SBIC. The information that is required to be filed with the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information.

The Commission did not receive any filings on Form N-5 in the last three years (or in the three years before that). Nevertheless, for purposes of this PRA, we conservatively estimate that at least one Form N-5 will be filed in the next three years, which translates to about 0.333 filings on Form N-5 per year. The currently approved internal burden of Form N-5 is 352 hours per response. We continue to believe this estimate for Form N-5's internal hour burden is appropriate. Therefore, the number of currently approved aggregate burden hours, when calculated using the current estimate for number of filings, is about 117 internal hours per year.

The currently approved external cost burden of Form N-5 is \$12,524 per filing. The requested external cost burden for filing one Form N-5 would be \$14,746 per year. This estimated burden is based on the estimated wage rate of \$584/hour, for 25.25 hours, for outside legal services to complete the form and provide the required hyperlinks.

Estimates of average burden hours and costs are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. Compliance with the collection of information requirements of Form N-5 is mandatory. Responses to the collection of information will not be

kept confidential. 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.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by October 21, 2024 to (i) MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov and (ii) Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Oluwaseun Ajayi, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: September 17, 2024.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-101034; File No. SR-CboeEDGX-2024-058]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee Schedule Relating to Volume Tiers

September 16, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 3, 2024, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "EDGX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The 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

Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "EDGX") proposes to amend its Fee Schedule. The text of the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁶⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/edgx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule applicable to its equities trading platform ("EDGX Equities") by: (1) introducing a new Market Quality Tier and (2) revising the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3. The Exchange proposes to implement these changes effective September 3, 2024.

The Exchange first notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. More specifically, the Exchange is only one of 16 registered equities exchanges, as well as a number of alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues that do not have similar self-regulatory [sic] responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), to which market participants may direct their order flow. Based on publicly available information,³ no single registered equities exchange has more than 16% of the market share. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. The Exchange in particular

operates a "Maker-Taker" model whereby it pays rebates to members that add liquidity and assesses fees to those that remove liquidity. The Exchange's Fee Schedule sets forth the standard rebates and rates applied per share for orders that provide and remove liquidity, respectively. Currently, for orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00, the Exchange provides a standard rebate of \$0.00160 per share for orders that add liquidity and assesses a fee of \$0.0030 per share for orders that remove liquidity.⁴ For orders in securities priced below \$1.00, the Exchange provides a standard rebate of \$0.00003 per share for orders that add liquidity and assesses a fee of 0.30% of the total dollar value for orders that remove liquidity.⁵ Additionally, in response to the competitive environment, the Exchange also offers tiered pricing which provides Members opportunities to qualify for higher rebates or reduced fees where certain volume criteria and thresholds are met. Tiered pricing provides an incremental incentive for Members to strive for higher tier levels, which provides increasingly higher benefits or discounts for satisfying increasingly more stringent criteria.

Market Quality Tier

Under footnote 1 of the Fee Schedule, the Exchange currently offers various Add/Remove Volume Tiers that provide enhanced rebates for orders yielding fee codes B,⁶ V,⁷ Y,⁸ 3,⁹ and 4.¹⁰ In particular, the Exchange offers two Market Quality Tiers that provide an enhanced rebate where a Member reaches certain add and remove volume-based criteria. The Exchange now proposes to introduce a new Market Quality Tier. The proposed criteria for proposed Market Quality Tier 3 is as follows:

- Proposed Market Quality Tier 3 provides a rebate of \$0.0030 per share for securities priced above \$1.00 for qualifying orders (*i.e.*, orders yielding fee codes B, V, Y, 3, or 4) where (1) Member adds an ADV¹¹ (excluding fee

codes ZA¹² and ZO¹³) $\geq 0.30\%$ of the TCV;¹⁴ and (2) Member adds an ADV $\geq 0.11\%$ of the TCV as Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes DM,¹⁵ HA,¹⁶ HI,¹⁷ MM,¹⁸ or RP;¹⁹ and (3) Member adds a Tape B ADV $\geq 0.40\%$ of the Tape B TCV.

Non-Displayed Add/Remove Volume Tiers

Also under footnote 1, the Exchange offers various Non-Displayed Add/Remove Volume Tiers. In particular, the Exchange offers five Non-Displayed Add Volume Tiers that provide enhanced rebates for orders yielding fee codes DM, HA, MM and RP, where a Member reaches certain add or remove volume-based criteria. The Exchange now proposes to revise the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3. The current criteria for Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 is as follows:

- Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 provides a rebate of \$0.0025 per share for securities priced above \$1.00 for qualifying orders (*i.e.*, orders yielding fee codes DM, HA, MM, or RP) where a Member has an ADAV²⁰ $\geq 0.12\%$ of TCV for Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes DM, HA, HI, MM or RP.

The proposed criteria for Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 is as follows:

- Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 provides a rebate of \$0.0025 per share for securities priced above \$1.00 for qualifying orders (*i.e.*, orders yielding fee codes DM, HA, MM, or RP) where a Member has an ADAV $\geq 0.11\%$ of TCV for Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes DM, HA, HI, MM or RP.

The proposed introduction of proposed Market Quality Tier 3 and

routed by, the Exchange, or any combination or subset thereof, per day. ADV is calculated on a monthly basis.

¹² Fee code ZA is appended to Retail Orders that add liquidity to EDGX.

¹³ Fee code ZO is appended to Retail Orders that add liquidity to EDGX in the pre- and post-market.

¹⁴ TCV means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

¹⁵ Fee code DM is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX using MidPoint Discretionary orders and execute within the discretionary range.

¹⁶ Fee code HA is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to EDGX.

¹⁷ Fee code HI is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to EDGX and receive price improvement.

¹⁸ Fee code MM is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to EDGX using Mid-Point Peg.

¹⁹ Fee code RP is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to EDGX using Supplemental Peg.

²⁰ ADAV means average daily added volume calculated as the number of shares added per day, calculated on a monthly basis.

³ See Cboe Global Markets, U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary, Month-to-Date (August 22, 2024), available at https://www.cboe.com/us/equities/market_statistics/.

⁴ See EDGX Equities Fee Schedule, Standard Rates.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Fee code B is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX in Tape B securities.

⁷ Fee code V is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX in Tape A securities.

⁸ Fee code Y is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX in Tape C securities.

⁹ Fee code 3 is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX in Tape A or Tape C securities during the pre and post market.

¹⁰ Fee code 4 is appended to orders that add liquidity to EDGX in Tape B securities during the pre and post market.

¹¹ ADV means average daily volume calculated as the number of shares added to, removed from, or

proposed modification to Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 are intended to provide Members an opportunity to earn an enhanced rebate by increasing their order flow to the Exchange in both displayed and non-displayed orders, which further contributes to a deeper, more liquid market and provides even more execution opportunities for active market participants. Incentivizing an increase in liquidity adding and removing volume through enhanced rebate opportunities encourages Members on the Exchange to contribute to a deeper, more liquid market, providing for overall enhanced price discovery and price improvement opportunities on the Exchange. As such, increased overall order flow benefits all Members by contributing towards a robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.²¹ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)²² requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)²³ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers as well as Section 6(b)(4)²⁴ as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities.

As described above, the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or

incentives to be insufficient. The Exchange believes that its proposal to introduce a new Market Quality Tier 3 and revise the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 reflects a competitive pricing structure designed to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange, which the Exchange believes would enhance market quality to the benefit of all Members. Specifically, the Exchange's proposal to introduce a new Market Quality Tier 3 and revise the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 is not a significant departure from existing criteria, is reasonably correlated to the enhanced rebates offered by the Exchange and other competing exchanges,²⁵ and will continue to incentivize Members to submit order flow to the Exchange. Additionally, the Exchange notes that relative volume-based incentives and discounts have been widely adopted by exchanges,²⁶ including the Exchange,²⁷ and are reasonable, equitable and non-discriminatory because they are open to all Members on an equal basis and provide additional benefits or discounts that are reasonably related to (i) the value to an exchange's market quality and (ii) associated higher levels of market activity, such as higher levels of liquidity provision and/or growth patterns. Competing equity exchanges offer similar tiered pricing structures, including schedules of rebates and fees that apply based upon members achieving certain volume and/or growth thresholds, as well as assess similar fees or rebates for similar types of orders, to that of the Exchange.

In particular, the Exchange believes its proposal to introduce a new Market Quality Tier 3 and revise the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 is reasonable because the revised tiers will be available to all Members and provide all Members with an opportunity to receive an enhanced rebate. The Exchange further believes its proposal to introduce a new Market Quality Tier 3 and revise the criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 will provide a reasonable means to encourage liquidity-adding displayed and non-displayed orders in Members' order flow to the Exchange and to incentivize

Members to continue to provide liquidity adding and liquidity removing volume to the Exchange by offering them an opportunity to receive an enhanced rebate on qualifying orders. An overall increase in activity would deepen the Exchange's liquidity pool, offer additional cost savings, support the quality of price discovery, promote market transparency and improve market quality, for all investors.

The Exchange believes that its proposed introduction of proposed Market Quality Tier 3 and proposed revision of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 is reasonable as it does not represent a significant departure from the criteria currently offered in the Fee Schedule. The Exchange also believes that the proposal represents an equitable allocation of fees and rebates and is not unfairly discriminatory because all Members will be eligible for the proposed new tier and have the opportunity to meet the tier's criteria and receive the corresponding enhanced rebate if such criteria is met. Without having a view of activity on other markets and off-exchange venues, the Exchange has no way of knowing whether this proposed rule change would definitely result in any Members qualifying the new proposed tiers. While the Exchange has no way of predicting with certainty how the proposed changes will impact Member activity, based on the prior months volume, the Exchange anticipates that at least one Member will be able to satisfy proposed Market Quality Tier 3 and at least one Member will be able to satisfy proposed Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3. The Exchange also notes that proposed changes will not adversely impact any Member's ability to qualify for enhanced rebates offered under other tiers. Should a Member not meet the proposed new criteria, the Member will merely not receive that corresponding enhanced rebate.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather, as discussed above, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes would encourage the submission of additional order flow to a public exchange, thereby promoting market depth, execution incentives and enhanced execution opportunities, as well as price discovery and transparency for all Members. As a result, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes further the Commission's goal in adopting

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

²⁵ See Nasdaq Price List, Add and Remove Rates, Rebate to Add Displayed Liquidity, Shares executed at or Above \$1.00, available at <https://nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=PriceListTrading2>. See also MEMX Equities Fee Schedule, Liquidity Provision Tiers, available at <https://info.memxtrading.com/equities-trading-resources/us-equities-fee-schedule/>.

²⁶ See e.g., BZX Equities Fee Schedule, Footnote 1, Add/Remove Volume Tiers.

²⁷ See e.g., EDGX Equities Fee Schedule, Footnote 1, Add/Remove Volume Tiers.

Regulation NMS of fostering competition among orders, which promotes “more efficient pricing of individual stocks for all types of orders, large and small.”

The Exchange believes the proposed rule changes do not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Particularly, the introduction of proposed Market Quality Tier 3 and the revised criteria of Non-Displayed Add Volume Tier 3 will apply to all Members equally in that all Members are eligible for the tiers, have a reasonable opportunity to meet the tiers’ criteria and will receive the enhanced rebate on their qualifying orders if such criteria is met. The Exchange does not believe the proposed change burdens competition, but rather, enhances competition as it is intended to increase the competitiveness of EDGX by amending existing pricing incentives in order to attract order flow and incentivize participants to increase their participation on the Exchange, providing for additional execution opportunities for market participants and improved price transparency. Greater overall order flow, trading opportunities, and pricing transparency benefits all market participants on the Exchange by enhancing market quality and continuing to encourage Members to send orders, thereby contributing towards a robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

Next, the Exchange believes the proposed rule changes does not impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As previously discussed, the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market. Members have numerous alternative venues that they may participate on and direct their order flow, including other equities exchanges, off-exchange venues, and alternative trading systems. Additionally, the Exchange represents a small percentage of the overall market. Based on publicly available information, no single equities exchange has more than 16% of the market share.²⁸ Therefore, no exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. Indeed, participants can readily choose to send their orders to other exchange and off-exchange venues if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable. Moreover, the Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities

markets. Specifically, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁹ The fact that this market is competitive has also long been recognized by the courts. In *NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, the D.C. Circuit stated as follows: “[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is ‘fierce.’ . . . As the SEC explained, ‘[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution’; [and] ‘no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted’ because ‘no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers’”³⁰ Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee change imposes any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³¹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4³² thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule

change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CboeEDGX-2024-058 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeEDGX-2024-058. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeEDGX-2024-058 and should be submitted on or before October 11, 2024.

²⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005).

³⁰ *NetCoalition v. SEC*, 615 F.3d 525, 539 (D.C. Cir. 2010) (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-21)).

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

³² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

²⁸ *Supra* note 3.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³³

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: 60-Day notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing this notice in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, as amended, to solicit public comments on the information collection described below. The PRA requires publication of this notice before submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the information collection by title or OMB Control Number (3245–0417) and submitted by the deadline above to: PPP_Info_Collections@sba.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain information including a copy of the forms and supporting documents from the Agency Clearance Officer, Curtis Rich, at (202) 205–7030, or curtis.rich@sba.gov, or from Adrienne Grierson, Program Manager, Office of Financial Program Operations, at 202–205–6573, or adrienne.grierson@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 1102 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116–136, authorized SBA to guarantee loans made by banks or other financial institutions under a temporary program titled the “Paycheck Protection Program” (PPP). These loans were available to eligible small businesses, certain non-profit organizations, veterans’ organizations, Tribal business concerns, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals adversely impacted by the COVID–19 Emergency. SBA’s authority to guarantee PPP loans expired on August 8, 2020. On December 27, 2020, SBA received reauthorization under the

Economic Aid Act, Public Law 116–260, to resume guaranteeing PPP loans through March 31, 2021. The Economic Aid Act also allowed certain eligible borrowers that previously received a PPP loan to receive a second draw PPP loan (“Second Draw PPP Loan Program”) and amended certain other PPP statutory provisions. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117–2, was enacted, amending various PPP statutory provisions. On March 30, 2021, the PPP Extension Act of 2021 was enacted, extending the SBA’s PPP program authority through June 30, 2021.

This information collection is used for the Second Draw PPP Loan Program. This approval is set to expire on November 30, 2024. Although SBA’s program authority has expired, this information collection is still needed. SBA recently published an Interim Final Rule on Paycheck Protection Program—Extension of Lender Records Retention Requirements (89 FR 68090, August 23, 2024), extending the PPP loan records retention requirements for PPP lenders to ten years from the date of disposition of each individual PPP loan. Because the PPP lender recordkeeping requirements have been extended, this information collection needs to be extended accordingly. Therefore, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, SBA is publishing this notice as a prerequisite to seeking OMB’s approval to use this information collection beyond November 30, 2024. There are no proposed changes to any of the forms.

Summary of Information Collection

Title: Paycheck Protection Loan Program—Second Draw

OMB Control Number: 3245–0417.

(I) SBA Form 2483—Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Application

Estimated Number of Respondents: 0.
Estimated Annual Responses: 0.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 14,962.

(II) SBA Form 2483–SD–C—Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Application for Schedule C Filers Using Gross Income

Estimated Number of Respondents: 0.
Estimated Annual Responses: 0.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 9,316.

(III) SBA FORM 2484–SD—Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Lender’s Application for 7(A) Guaranty

Estimated Number of Respondents: 0.
Estimated Annual Responses: 0.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 24,278.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA invites the public to submit comments, including specific and detailed suggestions on ways to improve the collection and reduce the burden on respondents. Commenters should also address (i) whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of SBA’s functions, including whether it has any practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (iii) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden on those who are required to respond.

Curtis Rich,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SBA Investment Capital Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting; SBA Investment Capital Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will hold the SBA Investment Capital Advisory Committee (ICAC) on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Members will convene as an independent source of advice and recommendation to SBA on matters relating to institutional investment market trends, critical technology investments, and policy impacting small businesses and their ability to access patient capital. The meeting will be streamed live to the public.

DATES: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The Investment Capital Advisory Committee will meet, and the meeting will be live streamed for the public. Register at <https://bit.ly/OCT2024-ICAC>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brittany Sickler, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Investment and Innovation, SBA, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 369–8862 or ICAC@sba.gov. The meeting will be livestreamed to the public, and anyone wishing to submit questions to the SBA Investment Capital Advisory Committee

³³ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).