

Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ac2-2 and Form TA-2 require registered transfer agents to file an annual report of their business activities with the Commission. These reporting requirements are designed to ensure that all registered transfer agents are providing the Commission with sufficient information on an annual basis about the transfer agent community and to permit the Commission to effectively monitor business activities of transfer agents.

The amount of time needed to comply with the requirements of amended Rule 17Ac2-2 and Form TA-2 varies. Of the total 429 registered transfer agents, approximately 9.1% (or 39 registrants) would be required to complete only questions 1 through 3 and the signature section of amended Form TA-2, which the Commission estimates would take each registrant approximately 30 minutes, for a total burden of 19.5 hours (39 × .5 hours). Approximately 26.7% of registrants (or 115 registrants) would be required to answer questions 1 through 5, question 11 and the signature section, which the Commission estimates would take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, for a total of 172.5 hours (115 × 1.5 hours). Approximately 64.2% of the registrants (or 275 registrants) would be required to complete the entire Form TA-2, which the Commission estimates would take approximately 6 hours, for a total of 1,650 hours (275 × 6 hours). The aggregate annual burden on all 429 registered transfer agents is thus approximately 1,842 hours (19.5 hours + 172.5 hours + 1,650 hours) and the average annual burden per transfer agent is approximately 4.3 hours (1,842 ÷ 429).

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 on respondents; 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: Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: February 23, 2015.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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 15g-6; SEC File No. 270-349, OMB Control No. 3235-0395.

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 15g-6—Account Statements for Penny Stock Customers—(17 CFR 240.15g-6) 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 15g-6 requires brokers and dealers that sell penny stocks to provide their customers monthly account statements containing information with regard to the penny stocks held in customer accounts. The purpose of the rule is to increase the level of disclosure to investors concerning penny stocks generally and specific penny stock transactions.

The Commission estimates that approximately 221 broker-dealers will spend an average of 78 hours annually to comply with this rule. Thus, the total compliance burden is approximately 17,238 burden-hours per year.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s

estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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.

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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 Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 4, in Multi-Purpose Room LL-006 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (EDT) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission’s Web site at www.sec.gov.

On February 17, 2015 the Commission published notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33-9724), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes matters relating to rules and regulations affecting small and emerging companies under the federal securities laws.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: February 25, 2015.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt FINRA Rule 4517 (Member Filing and Contact Information Requirements) in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook

February 23, 2015.

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 February 12, 2015, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, of which Items I and II have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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

FINRA is proposing to adopt NASD Rules 3170 (Mandatory Electronic Filing Requirements), 1150 (Executive Representative), and 1160 (Contact Information Requirements) as FINRA Rule 4517 (Member Filing and Contact Information Requirements) without any substantive changes. FINRA also proposes to update references and cross-references within other FINRA rules accordingly.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal

office of FINRA 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, FINRA 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. FINRA 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

As part of the process of developing a new consolidated rulebook (“Consolidated FINRA Rulebook”),⁴ FINRA is proposing to transfer NASD Rules 3170 (Mandatory Electronic Filing Requirements), 1150 (Executive Representative), and NASD Rule 1160 (Contact Information Requirements) into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook as FINRA Rule 4517 (Member Filing and Contact Information Requirements) without any substantive changes.

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(a): Mandatory Electronic Filing Requirements

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(a) would transfer without substantive change NASD Rule 3170 (Mandatory Electronic Filing Requirements) which requires each member to file with or otherwise submit to FINRA, in such electronic format as FINRA may require, all regulatory notices or other documents required to be filed or otherwise submitted to FINRA, as specified by FINRA. FINRA will advise firms via the *Regulatory Notice* process or other similar communication, as appropriate, as to each regulatory notice or document that members will be required to file

⁴ The current FINRA rulebook consists of (1) FINRA Rules; (2) NASD Rules; and (3) rules incorporated from NYSE (“Incorporated NYSE Rules”) (together, the NASD Rules and Incorporated NYSE Rules are referred to as the “Transitional Rulebook”). While the NASD Rules generally apply to all FINRA members, the Incorporated NYSE Rules apply only to those members of FINRA that are also members of the NYSE (“Dual Members”). The FINRA Rules apply to all FINRA members, unless such rules have a more limited application by their terms. For more information about the rulebook consolidation process, see *Information Notice*, March 12, 2008 (Rulebook Consolidation Process).

with or submit in electronic format to FINRA, the compliance date for the electronic filing or submission, and the requisite manner and format.⁵

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(b): Executive Representative

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(b) would transfer without substantive change NASD Rule 1150, the provision requiring that each member must identify, review and, if necessary, update its executive representative designation and contact information as required by Article IV, Section 3 of the NASD By-Laws in the manner prescribed by NASD Rule 1160. The proposed rule would replace the references to the legacy NASD By-Laws and rule with FINRA By-Laws and rule.

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(c): Review and Update of Contact Information

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(c) would transfer without substantive changes the requirements of NASD Rule 1160 (Contact Information Requirements). The only changes to the proposed rule text are minor editorial changes to reflect current nomenclature, and to assist and enhance readability. NASD Rule 1160 requires members to report and update contact information to FINRA via the “NASD Contact System or such other means as NASD may specify,” and to promptly comply with any FINRA request for the required contact information. Currently, NASD Rule 1160 supports members’ compliance with NASD Rule 1150 (Executive Representative) and FINRA Rules 1250 (Continuing Education Requirements), 3310.02 (Review of Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Person Information), and 4370 (Business Continuity Plans and Emergency Contact Information), which all require members to provide FINRA with designated contact person information.

Proposed FINRA Rule 4517(c) would require each member to report and update to FINRA all contact information applicable to the member that FINRA

⁵ The proposed rule change does not affect any current filing or submission requirements issued pursuant to NASD Rule 3170, which remain effective, subject to any future changes FINRA may make pursuant to proposed FINRA Rule 4517 once the rule becomes effective. See, e.g., *Notice to Members* 06-61 (November 2006) (announcing SEC approval of NASD Rule 3170 and specifying various financial notices to which NASD Rule 3170 would apply), *Regulatory Notice* 08-67 (November 2008) (requiring electronic submission of, among other things, qualification examination waivers pursuant to NASD Rule 3170), and *Regulatory Notice* 11-46 (October 2011) (requiring electronic submission of annual audit reports pursuant to NASD Rule 3170). See also *Regulatory Notice* 08-11 (March 2008) (addressing frequently asked questions on NASD Rule 3170).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).