for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act16 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder. The Exchange represents that this proposed rule change will be implemented during the Second Quarter of 2015 subject to the issuance of an Equity Trader Alert that will provide at least 30 days of notice prior to the operative date for the respective amendments to Rule 4751(b).

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 shall 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
• Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–Phlx–2015–32 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–Phlx–2015–32. 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 Web site (http://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 Web site 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 such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–Phlx–2015–32, and should be submitted on or before May 7, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.18

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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 Investor Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015, in Multi-Purpose Room LL–006 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. (ET) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 9 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 March 18, 2015, the Commission issued notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33–9739), indicating that the meeting is open to the public (except during portions of the meeting reserved for meetings of the Committee’s subcommittees), and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a quorum of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes: Remarks from Commissioners; nomination of candidates for officer positions and election of officers; a discussion of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s investor behavior survey results; a discussion of background checks as a means to address elder financial abuse (which may include a recommendation); a discussion of proxy access and staff review of Rule 14a–8(f)(9) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (which may include a recommendation); an update on the SEC proxy voting roundtable; an update on the recommendations of the SEC Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies; and nonpublic subcommittee meetings.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400. Dated: April 2, 2015.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request


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”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17f–2 (17 CFR 270.17f–2), entitled “Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies,” was adopted in 1940 under section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–17(f)) (the “Act”), and was last amended

17 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange’s intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.
materially in 1947. Rule 17f–2 establishes safeguards for arrangements in which a registered management investment company ("fund") is deemed to maintain custody of its own assets, such as when the fund maintains its assets in a facility that provides safekeeping but not custodial services. The rule includes several recordkeeping or reporting requirements. The fund’s directors must prepare a resolution designating not more than five fund officers or responsible employees who may have access to the fund’s assets. The designated access persons (two or more of whom must act jointly when handling fund assets) must prepare a written notation providing certain information about each deposit or withdrawal of fund assets, and must transmit the notation to another officer or director designated by the directors. An independent public accountant must verify the fund’s assets three times each year, and two of those examinations must be unscheduled.

Rule 17f–2’s requirement that directors designate access persons is intended to ensure that directors evaluate the trustworthiness of insiders who handle fund assets. The requirements that access persons act jointly in handling fund assets, prepare a written notation of each transaction, and transmit the notation to another designated person are intended to reduce the risk of misappropriation of fund assets by access persons, and to ensure that adequate records are prepared, reviewed by a responsible third person, and available for examination by the Commission. The requirement that auditors verify fund assets without notice twice each year is intended to provide an additional deterrent to the misappropriation of fund assets and to detect any irregularities.

The Commission staff estimates that each fund makes 974 responses and spends an average of 252 hours annually in complying with the rule’s requirements. Commission staff estimates that on an annual basis it takes: (i) 0.5 hours of fund accounting personnel at a total cost of $99 to draft director resolutions; (ii) 0.5 hours of the fund’s board of directors at a total cost of $2200 to adopt the resolution; (iii) 244 hours for the fund’s accounting personnel at a total cost of $63,797 to prepare written notations of transactions; and (iv) 7 hours for the fund’s accounting personnel at a total cost of $1386 to assist the independent public accountants when they perform verifications of fund assets.

Commission staff estimates that approximately 188 funds file Form N–17f–2 each year. Thus, the total annual hour burden for rule 17f–2 is estimated to be 47,376 hours. Based on the total costs per fund listed above, the total cost of rule 17f–2’s collection of information requirements is estimated to be approximately $12.7 million.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. Complying with the collections of information required by rule 17f–2 is mandatory for those funds that maintain industry. The actual number of hours may vary significantly depending on individual fund assets.

The estimate is based on the following calculation: 974 responses × $99 (senior accountant’s hourly rate) = $97,426. Unless otherwise indicated, the hourly wages, if used herein, are from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association’s Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013, modified by Commission staff to account for an 1800-hour work-year and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm employee benefits and overhead.

The estimate for the cost of board time as a whole is derived from estimates made by the staff regarding typical board size and compensation that is based on information received from fund representatives and publicly available sources. Respondents estimated that each fund makes 974 responses on an annual basis and spends a total of 0.25 hours per response. The fund personnel involved are Accounts Payable Manager ($186 hourly rate), Operations Manager ($334 hourly rate) and Accounting Manager ($265 hourly rate). The average hourly rate of these personnel is $262. The estimated cost of preparing notations is based on the following calculation: 974 × 0.25 × $262 = $63,797.

The estimate is based on the following calculation: 7 × $198 (senior accountant’s hourly rate) = $1386.

On average, each year approximately 188 funds filed Form N–17f–2 with the Commission during calendar years 2011–2013. The estimated cost of preparing notations is based on the following calculation: 188 funds × $262 = $48,820.

The annual burden for rule 17f–2 does not include time spent preparing Form N–17f–2. The burden for Form N–17f–2 is included in a separate collection of information.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; ISE Gemini, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Share Member-Designated Risk Settings in the Trading System With Clearing Members

APRIL 1, 2015. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2015 ISE Gemini, LLC (the “Exchange” or “ISE Gemini”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change, as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to