child support and dependency requirements are prescribed in 20 CFR 222.50–57.

In order to correctly determine if an applicant is entitled to a child’s annuity based on actual dependency, the RRB uses Form G–139, Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children, to obtain financial information needed to make a comparison between the amount of support received from the railroad employee and the amount received from other sources. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is required of each respondent. Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (82 FR 17298 on April 10, 2017) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children. OMB Control Number: 3220–0195. Form(s) submitted: G–139.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Dependency on the employee for at least one-half support is a condition affecting eligibility for increasing an employee or spouse annuity under the social security overall minimum provisions on the basis of the presence of a dependent child, the employee’s natural child in limited situations, adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren and step-grandchildren. The information collected solicits financial information needed to determine entitlement to a child’s annuity based on actual dependency.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–139.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

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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 Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–1275 or Brian.Foster@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202–395–6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Brian D. Foster, Clearance Officer.

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Submission for OMB Review; 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 17Ac3–1(a) and Form TA–W; SEC File No. 270–96 OMB Control No. 3235–0151.


Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 authorizes transfer agents registered with an appropriate regulatory agency (“ARA”) to withdraw from registration by filing with the ARA a written notice of withdrawal and by agreeing to such terms and conditions as the ARA deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A.

In order to implement Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Exchange Act, the Commission promulgated Rule 17Ac3–1(a) and accompanying Form TA–W on September 1, 1977. Rule 17Ac3–1(a) provides that notice of withdrawal of registration as a transfer agent with the Commission shall be filed on Form TA–W. Form TA–W requires the withdrawing transfer agent to provide the Commission with certain information, including: (1) The locations where transfer agent activities are or were performed; (2) the reasons for ceasing the performance of such activities; (3) disclosure of unsatisfied judgments or liens; and (4) information regarding successor transfer agents.

The Commission uses the information disclosed on Form TA–W to determine whether the registered transfer agent applying for withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent should be allowed to deregister and, if so, whether the Commission should attach to the granting of the application any terms or conditions necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. Without Rule 17Ac3–1(a) and Form TA–W, transfer agents registered with the Commission would not have a means to voluntarily deregister it is necessary or appropriate to do so.

On average, respondents have filed approximately 17 TA–Ws with the Commission annually from 2014 to 2017. A Form TA–W filing occurs only once, when a transfer agent is seeking deregistration. Approximately 80 percent of Form TA–Ws are completed by the transfer agent or its employees and approximately 20 percent of Form TA–Ws are completed by an outside filing agent that is hired by the registrant to prepare the form and file it electronically. In view of the readily-available information requested by Form TA–W, its short and simple presentation, and the Commission’s experience with the filers, we estimate that approximately 30 minutes is required to complete and file Form TA–W. For transfer agents that complete Form TA–Ws themselves, we estimate the internal labor cost of compliance per filing is $25 (0.5 hours × $50 average hourly rate for clerical staff time). We estimate that outside filing agents charge $100 to complete and file at TA–W on behalf of a registrant, reflecting an external labor cost to respondents. The total annual time burden to the transfer agent industry is approximately 9 hours (17 filings × 0.5 hours). The total annual external labor cost to respondents is $340 (17 annual forms × $100 × 20%).

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.
The proposed rule change includes amendments to the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule. The changes aim to provide incentives for Order Flow Providers (OTPs) to direct order flow to the NYSE Arca Equity Market, including those related to Penny Pilot issues. The amendments also provide for additional incentives for customers and professional customers to post orders on NYSE Arca.

The proposed rule change modifies the criteria for achieving various credits, including broadening the qualifying order flow and trading activity, to make the different qualifications more achievable to a variety of market participants. Currently, the Exchange provides a number of incentives for OTP Holders and OTP Firms (collectively, “OTPs”) designed to encourage OTPs to direct additional order flow to the Exchange to achieve more favorable pricing and higher credits. The changes also include new incentives that combine a percentage of TCADV with new qualifications for OTP Holders (collectively, “OTPs”) to aggregate their volume and trading activity, to make the possible incentives that are based on achieving certain percentages of NYSE Arca Equity daily activity, also known as “cross-asset pricing.” In addition, certain of the qualifications for achieving these incentives are more tailored to specific activity (i.e., posting in Penny Pilot issues only, or cross-asset pricing based only on levels of Retail Orders on the NYSE Arca Equity Market).

The Exchange is also proposing a small clarifying change to the Penny Credit Tiers by replacing “Total Industry Customer equity and ETF option average daily volume” with “TCADV” and explaining the abbreviation with a note at the bottom of the table referenced by an asterisk in the table header.

Next, the Exchange proposes a new rule to modify the Customer and Professional Customer Incentive Program (the “Incentive Program”) by replacing two of the possible incentives that are based solely on Market Maker Posted Orders with new incentives that combine a level of Market Maker Total Electronic Volume and Customer and Professional Customer volume. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to no longer provide an additional $0.01 per contract credit for OTPs that achieve an ADV from Market Maker Posted Orders equal to 0.60% of TCADV from Customer and Professional Customer Posted orders in all Issues, plus at least 0.60% of TCADV from Market Maker Total Electronic Volume.

The Exchange proposes to rename current Penny Credit Tier 7 as Tier 6, and to add a new Tier 7 with an associated credit of $0.49 per contract. As proposed, OTPs may qualify for the new Tier 7 by achieving a level of at least 0.50% of TCADV from Customer and Professional Customer Posted orders and basis for, the proposed rule change.

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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Fee Schedule to modify the criteria for achieving various credits, including broadening the qualifying order flow and trading activity, to make the different qualifications more achievable to a variety of market participants. Currently, the Exchange provides a number of incentives for OTP Holders and OTP Firms (collectively, “OTPs”) designed to encourage OTPs to direct additional order flow to the Exchange to achieve more favorable pricing and higher credits. Among these incentives are enhanced posted liquidity credits based on achieving certain percentages of NYSE Arca Equity daily activity, also known as “cross-asset pricing.” In addition, certain of the qualifications for achieving these incentives are more tailored to specific activity (i.e., posting in Penny Pilot issues only, or cross-asset pricing based only on levels of Retail Orders on the NYSE Arca Equity Market). Similarly, because the Exchange allows Order Flow Providers (“OFF’s”) to aggregate their volume executed on NYSE Arca with affiliated or appointed Market Makers, OFFs may encourage an increased level of activity from these participants to qualify for various incentives, including higher credits for Customers or Professional Customer orders. As a result, NYSE Arca becomes a more attractive venue for Customer (and Professional Customer) orders offering enhanced rebates. To further incent OFFs to direct order flow to the Exchange, the Exchange proposes to allow participants to combine their Customer activity with their Market Maker activity in an effort to achieve certain enhanced rebates.

2. Statutory Basis

Pursuant to the Customer and Professional Customer Monthly Posting Credit Tiers and Qualifications for Executions in Penny Pilot Issues (the “Penny Credit Tiers”), Customer and Professional Customer orders that post liquidity and are executed on the Exchange earn a base credit of $0.25 per contract, with the ability to earn increased credits based on the participant’s activity. There are currently seven Penny Credit Tiers with associated qualifications. The Exchange is not proposing any change to Penny Credit Tiers 1 through 5.

Regarding current Penny Credit Tier 6, an OTP is eligible to achieve a credit of $0.48 per contract, provided the OTP has (i) at least 0.35% of Total Industry Customer equity and ETF option ADV (“TCADV”) from Customer and Professional Customer Posted Orders in all Issues, and (ii) Executed ADV of 0.80% of U.S. Equity Market Share Posted and Executed on NYSE Arca Equity Market. The Exchange proposes to add an alternative qualification basis to Tier 6, which would enable an OTP to qualify for the $0.48 per contract credit, provided the OTP has (i) at least 50% of TCADV from Customer and Professional Customer Posted orders in all Issues, and (ii) at least 0.45% of TCADV from Market Maker Total Electronic Volume.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to rename current Penny Credit Tier 7 as Tier 6, and to add a new Tier 7 with an associated credit of $0.49 per contract. As proposed, OTPs may qualify for the new Tier 7 by achieving a level of at least 0.50% of TCADV from Customer and Professional Customer Posted orders in all Issues, plus at least 0.60% of TCADV from Market Maker Total Electronic Volume.

The Exchange is also proposing a small clarifying change to the Penny Credit Tiers by replacing “Total Industry Customer equity and ETF option average daily volume” with “TCADV” and explaining the abbreviation with a note at the bottom of the table referenced by an asterisk in the table header.

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Instead, the Exchange proposes to offer an additional $0.01 per contract credit incentive for an OTP that...