Accordingly, the staff estimates the total annualized burden associated with Rule 15c3–4 for the six OTC derivatives dealers will be approximately 5,800 hours annually.

The staff believes that the internal cost of complying with Rule 15c3–4 will be approximately $314 per hour. This per hour cost is based upon an annual average hourly salary for a compliance manager who would be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Rule 15c3–4. Accordingly, the total annualized internal cost of compliance for all affected OTC derivatives dealers is estimated to be $1,821,200.6

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 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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Please direct your written comments to: Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@SEC.gov.


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. 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 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“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: Order Granting a Conditional Exemption under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from the Confirmation Requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10b–10(a) for Certain Transactions in Money Market Funds (17 CFR 240.10b–10(a)).

Rule 10b–10 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) generally requires broker-dealers to provide customers with specified information relating to their securities transactions at or before the completion of the transactions. Rule 10b–10(b), however, provides an exception from this requirement for certain transactions in money market funds that attempt to maintain a stable net asset value when no sales load or redemption fee is charged. The exception permits broker-dealers to provide transaction information to money market fund shareholders on a monthly, rather than immediate, basis, subject to the conditions. Amendments to Rule 2a–7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Investment Company Act”) (15 U.S.C. 80a–1 et seq.) among other things, means, absent an exemption, broker-dealers would not be able to continue to rely on the exception under Exchange Act Rule 10b–10(b) for transactions in money market funds operating in accordance with Rule 2a–7(c)(1)(ii).1

In 2015, the Commission issued an Order Granting a Conditional Exemption under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 From The Confirmation Requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10b–10(a) For Certain Transactions In Money Market Funds (“Order”)2 which allows broker-dealers, subject to certain conditions, to provide transaction information to investors in any money market fund operating pursuant to Rule 2a–7(c)(1)(ii) on a monthly basis in lieu of providing immediate confirmations as required under Exchange Act Rule 10b–10(a) (“the Exemption”). Accordingly, to be eligible for the Exemption, a broker-dealer must (1) provide an initial written notification to the customer of its ability to request delivery of immediate confirmations consistent with the written notification requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10b–10(a), and (2) not receive any such request to receive immediate confirmations from the customer. As of March 31, 2018, the Commission estimates there are approximately 162 broker-dealers that clear customer transactions or carry customer funds and securities who would be responsible for providing customer confirmations. The Commission estimates that the cost of the ongoing notification requirements would be minimal, approximately 5% of the initial burden which was previously estimated to be 36 hours per broker-dealer, or approximately 1.8 hours per broker-dealer per year to provide ongoing notifications or a total burden of 292 hours annually for the 162 carrying broker-dealers.

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5 The $314 per hour salary figure for a compliance manager is from SIFMA’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 size, employee benefits and overhead.

6 5,800 hours × $314 per hour = $1,821,200.


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Extension: Rule 17Ad–11, SEC File No. 270–261, OMB Control No. 3235–0274


Rule 17Ad–11 requires every registered recordkeeping transfer agent to report to issuers and its appropriate regulatory agency in the event that the aggregate market value of an aged record difference exceeds certain thresholds. A record difference occurs when an issuer’s records do not agree with those of securityholders as indicated, for instance, on certificates presented to the transfer agent for purchase, redemption or transfer. An aged record difference is a record difference that has existed for more than 30 calendar days. In addition, the rule requires every recordkeeping transfer agent to report to its appropriate regulatory agency in the event of a failure to post certificate detail to the master securityholder file within five business days of the time required by Rule 17Ad–10 (17 CFR 240.17Ad–10). Also, a transfer agent must maintain a copy of any report required under Rule 17Ad–11 for a period of not less than three years following the date of the report, the first year in an easily accessible place.

Because the information required by Rule 17Ad–11 is already available to transfer agents, any collection burden for small transfer agents is minimal. Based on a review of the number of Rule 17Ad–11 reports the Commission, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have determined since 2012, the Commission staff estimates that 8 respondents will file a total of approximately 10 reports annually. The Commission staff estimates that, on average, each report can be completed in 30 minutes. Therefore, the total annual hourly burden to the entire transfer agent industry is approximately five hours (30 minutes × 10 reports). Assuming an average hourly rate of $25 for a transfer agent staff employee, the average total internal cost of compliance for the approximate 8 respondents is approximately $125.00 (10 reports × $12.50).

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad–11 is three years following the date of a report prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad–11 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rules 6.62–O and 6.37A–O To Add New Order Types and Quotation Designations

October 18, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,3 notice is hereby given that, on October 5, 2018, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange" or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rules 6.62–O (Certain Types of Orders Defined) and 6.37A–O (Market Maker Quotations) to add new order types and quotation designations. The proposed change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change.