

client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

None. *See* Section III for summary proceedings.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2026–372 and K2026–362; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add New Mid-Market Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 1084, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: September 2, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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Legal Assistant.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0748]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Revision: Ombudsman Matter Management System (OMMS) Submission Form

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 (SEC or “Commission”) is soliciting comments on the revision of the proposed collection of information.

The Ombudsman Matter Management System (“OMMS”) is an electronic data collection system for the receipt, collection and analysis of inquiries, complaints, and recommendations from retail investors directed to the SEC Ombudsman (“Ombuds”) and the Office of the Investor Advocate. Section 4(g)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), 15 U.S.C. 78d(g)(8) requires the SEC Ombuds to (i) act as a liaison between the Commission and any retail investor in resolving problems that retail investors may have with the Commission or with self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”); (ii) review and make recommendations regarding policies and procedures to encourage persons to present questions to the Investor Advocate regarding compliance with the securities laws; and (iii) establish safeguards to maintain the confidentiality of communications between the persons described in clause (ii) and the Ombuds. In addition, Section 4(g)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), 15 U.S.C. 78d(g)(8) requires the Ombuds to submit a semi-annual report to the Investor Advocate describing the activities and evaluating the effectiveness of the Ombuds during the preceding year.

Each year, the SEC's Office of the Investor Advocate, Office of the Ombuds receives over 2,500 contacts from investors who have complaints or questions about the SEC or any of the self-regulatory organizations that it oversees. To make it easier for the public to contact the Ombuds, the Ombuds created an electronic form, the OMMS Submission Form, that provides drop down options to choose from in order to categorize the investor's complaint or question, and may also

provide the investor with automated information about their issue. The OMMS Submission Form asks investors to provide information concerning, among other things, their names, how they can be reached, the names of the individuals or entities involved, the nature of their complaint or tip, what documents they can provide, and what, if any, actions they have taken. Use of the OMMS Submission Form is voluntary. Absent the forms, the public still has several ways to contact the Ombuds, including telephone, letters, and email. Investors can access the OMMS Submission Form through the Ombuds web page at the web address <https://www.sec.gov/ombuds> or directly at the web address <https://omms.sec.gov>.

The dual purpose of the OMMS Submission Form is to make it easier for the public to contact the agency with complaints, questions, tips, or other feedback and to streamline the workflow of Ombuds staff that record, process, and respond to investor contacts. Investors who submit complaints, ask questions, or provide tips do so voluntarily. Although the OMMS Submission Form provides a structured format for incoming investor correspondence, the Commission does not require that investors use any particular form or format when contacting the Ombuds. Investors who choose not to use the OMMS Submission Form will receive the same level of service as those who do.

The Ombuds receives approximately 1,500 contacts each year through the OMMS Submission Form. The Ombuds uses the information that investors supply on the OMMS Submission Form to review and process the contact (which may, in turn, involve responding to questions, processing complaints, or, as appropriate, referring matters to enforcement or examinations for potential investigations), to maintain a record of contacts, to track the volume of investor complaints, and to analyze trends.

This proposed collection is a revision of the previously approved collection for OMMS. The OMMS Submission Form is being revised to include a new information type. Specifically, the user of the revised OMMS Submission Form will be asked to respond to a prepopulated list, which asks whether the submitter is a: Individual Investor; Registered Representative; Accountant; Other Financial Professional; Issuer/Attorney for an Issuer; Brokerage Firm Compliance Officer; Academic/Researcher/Student; Member of the Press.

The staff of the Commission estimates that the total reporting burden for using the OMMS Submission Form is 750 hours. The calculation of this estimate depends on the number of investors who use the forms each year and the estimated time it takes to complete the forms: 1,500 respondents × 30 minutes = 750 burden hours.

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC's estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (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, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov by November 9, 2026.

Dated: September 3, 2026.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Rule 4515.01 (Allocations of Orders Made by Investment Advisers)

September 2, 2026.

I. Introduction

On July 9, 2026, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act

of 1934 ("Exchange Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend FINRA Rule 4515.01 (Allocations of Orders Made by Investment Advisers) to expand the current exception from the rule's principal approval requirements to apply to all allocations of bulk investment adviser orders, irrespective of when allocation instructions are received. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 2026.³ The Commission received no comments in response to the Notice. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Summary of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA Rule 4515 (Approval and Documentation of Changes in Account Name or Designation) requires members to place the account name(s) or designation(s) on the customer order form or other similar record before an order is executed. No change in such account name(s) (including related accounts) or designation(s) (including error accounts) shall be made unless the change has been authorized by a qualified and registered principal designated by the member. The essential facts relied upon by the principal approving the change must be documented in writing and preserved in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 17a-4(b). With respect to any change that takes place prior to the execution of the trade, the required principal approval and documentation must occur prior to execution.

FINRA Rule 4515.01 provides a limited exception to the requirements of Rule 4515 for orders from investment advisers ("IAs") for which there is more than one customer (herein referred to as "IA bulk orders"). Specifically, members are not required to obtain principal approval for any account name or designation changes relating to IA bulk orders provided that the member receives allocation instructions from the IA no later than the end of the trade date. This exception applies to outside IAs and associated persons of a member who provide investment advisory services on behalf of a member acting as an IA.

Further, FINRA Rule 4515.01 prohibits members from knowingly facilitating the allocation of orders from IAs in a manner other than in compliance with both (1) the IA's intent at the time of trade execution to allocate

shares on a percentage basis to the participating accounts; and (2) the IA's fiduciary duty with respect to allocations for such participating accounts, including but not limited to allocations based on the performance of a transaction between the time of execution and the time of allocation.

As described in more detail in the Notice,⁴ FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 4515.01 to expand the current exception from the rule's principal approval requirements to apply to all IA bulk orders, notwithstanding when the allocation instructions are received. Specifically, FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 4515.01 to remove the phrase "provided that members receive specific account designations or customer names from such investment advisers by no later than the end of the day on the trade date" and replace it with the phrase "without the principal approval required by this Rule."⁵

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After carefully reviewing the proposed rule change, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities association.⁶ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Exchange Act,⁷ which requires, among other things, that the association's rules 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

⁴ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

⁵ For the avoidance of doubt, FINRA notes that the proposed rule change would apply to delivery versus payment ("DVP") and receive versus payment ("RVP") arrangements and to prime brokers that receive allocation instructions directly from the IA.

⁶ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation, including FINRA's representation that it has undertaken an "economic impact assessment" to analyze the regulatory need for the proposed rule change, its potential economic impacts, including anticipated costs, benefits, and distributional and competitive effects, relative to the current baseline, and the alternatives FINRA considered in assessing how best to meet FINRA's regulatory objectives. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f); Notice.

⁷ See 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹ See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² See 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 105925, 91 FR 45862 (July 21, 2026) ("Notice").