

unlisted trading privileges, the title of the security, the name of the issuer, certain information regarding the size of the class of security, the public trading volume and price history in the security for specified time periods on the subject exchange, and a statement indicating that the applicant has provided a copy of such application to the exchange from which the suspension or termination of unlisted trading privileges are sought and to any other exchange on which the security is listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges.

The information required to be included in applications submitted pursuant to Rule 12f-3 is intended to provide the Commission with sufficient information to make the necessary findings under the Act to terminate or suspend by order the unlisted trading privileges granted a security on a national securities exchange. Without the Rule, the Commission would be unable to fulfill these statutory responsibilities.

The burden of complying with Rule 12f-3 arises when a potential respondent, having a demonstrable bona fide interest in the question of termination or suspension of the unlisted trading privileges of a security, determines to seek such termination or suspension. The staff estimates that each such application to terminate or suspend unlisted trading privileges requires approximately one hour to complete. Thus each potential respondent would incur on average one burden hour in complying with the Rule.

The Commission staff estimates that there could be as many as 24 responses annually for an aggregate burden for all respondents of 24 hours. Each respondent's related internal cost of compliance for Rule 12f-3 would be \$242, or the cost of one hour of professional work of a paralegal needed to complete the application. The total annual internal cost of compliance for all potential respondents, therefore, is \$5,808 (124 responses × \$242/response).

Compliance with the application requirements of Rule 12f-3 is mandatory, though the filing of such applications is undertaken voluntarily. Rule 12f-3 does not have a record retention requirement *per se*. However, responses made pursuant to Rule 12f-3 are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Act. Information received in response to Rule 12f-3 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

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respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by May 20, 2024 to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Market Data Infrastructure

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 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rules 603 and 614 (17 CFR 242.603 and 17 CFR 242.614, respectively), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

On December 9, 2020, the Commission updated the content of national market system ("NMS") information that is required to be collected, consolidated, and disseminated as part of the national market system under Regulation NMS. Second, the Commission amended the method by which "consolidated market data," as now defined, is collected, consolidated, and disseminated by introducing a decentralized consolidation model with competing

consolidators, which replaces the centralized consolidation model that relies on exclusive securities information processors ("exclusive SIPs").

The amendments, as adopted, establish seven new collections of information.

1. *Registration requirements and Form CC:* Rule 614(a)(1)(i) requires each competing consolidator to register with the Commission by filing Form CC electronically in accordance with the instructions contained on the form. Competing consolidators will be required to file amendments to the form in accordance with the rule and file notice of its cessation of operations.

2. *Competing consolidator duties and data collection:* Rule 614(d)(1)-(4) requires competing consolidators to (i) collect from each SRO the information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks as provided in Rule 603(b); (ii) calculate and generate consolidated market data products; (iii) make consolidated market data products available to subscribers with the required timestamps on terms that are not unreasonably discriminatory; and (iv) timestamp the information collected from the SROs at certain specified times.

3. *Competing consolidators' public posting of Form CC:* Rule 614(c) requires competing consolidators to make public on its website a direct URL hyperlink to the Commission website that contains each effective initial Form CC, as amended, order of ineffective initial Form CC, and Form CC amendments to an effective Form CC.

4. *Recordkeeping:* Rule 614(d)(7) requires each competing consolidator to keep and preserve at least one copy of all documents as defined in the rule for a period of no less than five years, the first two in an easily accessible place. Rule 614(d)(8) requires each competing consolidator, upon request of any representative of the Commission, to promptly furnish copies of any documents to such representative.

5. *Reports and Reviews:* Rule 614(d)(5) requires competing consolidators to publish on their websites certain monthly performance metrics. Rule 614(d)(6) requires competing consolidators to publish certain monthly data quality information.

6. *Amendment to the effective national market system plan(s) for NMS stocks:* Rule 614(e) requires the participants to the effective national market system plan(s) for NMS stocks to submit an amendment to such plan(s) within 150 days of the effectiveness of

the amendments that contain certain specified provisions.

7. Collection and dissemination of information by national securities exchanges and national securities associations: The amendment to Rule 603(b) requires every national securities exchange on which an NMS stock is traded and the national securities association to make available to all competing consolidators and self-aggregators all information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks, including all data necessary to generate consolidated market data products, in the same manner and using the same methods, including all methods of access and using the same format as such exchange or association makes available any information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks to any person.

These collections of information are necessary to further the national market system objectives set forth in Section 11A(a)(1) of the Exchange Act. Without Rules 603 and 614, the Commission would be unable to fulfill these statutory responsibilities.

The staff estimates that 8 entities may register as competing consolidators and therefore are subject to the collection of information described in paragraph 1 through 5 above. The staff estimates that there are 19 entities that are subject to the collection of information described in paragraph 6 above. The staff estimates that there are 17 entities that are subject to the collection of information described in paragraph 7 above. The staff estimates that the aggregate annual compliance burden for the industry is 35,715 hours and \$45,611,043.

Compliance with Rules 603 and 614 is mandatory. Competing consolidators are required to keep and preserve at least one copy of all documents, including all correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, notices, accounts, and such other records as shall be made or received by it in the course of its business as such and in the conduct of its business. Competing consolidators must keep these documents for a period of no less than five years, the first two years in an easily accessible place. This requirement is consistent with current SEC rules for SROs. The Form CC and amendments to the effective national market system plan(s) will not be confidential; they will be posted on the Commission's public website. Competing consolidators will make available to subscribers consolidated market data products, which therefore will not be confidential. Competing

consolidator records will be available to the Commission and other regulators. The reports and reviews of competing consolidators will be published on competing consolidator websites and will not be confidential. Finally, the exchanges and associations will make available to competing consolidators and self-aggregators quotation and transaction information.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; the Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Update the Options Clearing Corporation's Operational Loss Fee Pursuant to Its Capital Management Policy

April 12, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act" or "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 3, 2024, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by OCC.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

OCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii)³ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁴ thereunder so that the proposal was immediately effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change would revise OCC's schedule of fees to update the maximum contingent Operational Loss Fee listed in OCC's schedule of fees in accordance with OCC's Capital Management Policy. Proposed changes to OCC's schedule of fees are included as Exhibit 5 to File Number SR-OCC-2024-004. Material proposed to be added to OCC's schedule of fees as currently in effect is underlined and material proposed to be deleted is marked in strikethrough text. All capitalized terms not defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the OCC By-Laws and Rules.⁵

II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, OCC 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. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(1) Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to revise OCC's schedule of fees to update the maximum aggregate Operational Loss Fee that OCC would charge Clearing Members in equal shares in the unlikely event that OCC's shareholders' equity ("Equity") falls below certain thresholds defined in OCC's Capital Management Policy.

The proposed fee change is designed to enable OCC to replenish capital to comply with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(15) under the Exchange Act, which requires OCC,

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁵ OCC's By-Laws and Rules can be found on OCC's public website: <https://www.theocc.com/Company-Information/Documents-and-Archives/By-Laws-and-Rules>.