

all participants who have submitted a timely request an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2017. Such statement must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing may be obtained from Catherine F. I. Andrade at (202) 336-8768, or via email at catherine.andrade@opic.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPIC is a U.S. Government agency that provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging

democracies for environmentally sound projects that confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Catherine F.I. Andrade,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from July 1, 2016 to July 31, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and

Performance Management, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No schedule A authorities to report during July 2016.

Schedule B

No schedule B authorities to report during July 2016.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during July 2016.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Agriculture	Office of the Secretary	Advisor for Special Projects	DA160129	07/08/2016
		Deputy White House Liaison	DA160156	07/21/2016
		Chief of Staff	DA160151	07/08/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.	Chief of Staff	DA160153	07/12/2016
		Legislative Director	DA160128	07/18/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.	Chief of Staff	DA160157	07/22/2016
		Special Advisor	DA160159	07/26/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.	Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs.	DC160171	07/06/2016
		Director of Congressional and Public Affairs.	DC160179	07/20/2016
	Economics and Statistics Administration.	Senior Advisor	DC160166	07/07/2016
Department of Commerce	Bureau of Industry and Security	Special Assistant	DC160176	07/12/2016
		Special Assistant	DC160180	07/15/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis.	Special Advisor	DC160177	07/19/2016
		Special Assistant for Administration.	DC160181	07/21/2016
	Office of the White House Liaison	Associate Director	DC160188	07/27/2016
		Special Advisor	DC160192	07/28/2016
	Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration.	Special Assistant	DC160189	07/27/2016
		Press Assistant	DC160197	07/28/2016
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Special Assistant for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support.	DD160155	07/06/2016
		Special Assistant for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.	DD160161	07/18/2016
Department of Defense	Office of the Deputy Secretary			
Department of Defense	Office of Public Affairs			
Department of Defense	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).			

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of the Air Force	Washington Headquarters Services.	Defense Fellow (2)	DD160157	07/12/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant and Speechwriter.	DD160158	07/19/2016
Department of the Army	Office of the Secretary	Special Advisor for Digital Strategy and Engagement.	DF160040	07/13/2016
		Director of Strategic Communications for the Secretary of the Army.	DW160051	07/01/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).	Special Advisor (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).	DW160053	07/08/2016
		Special Assistant (Civil Works) (2)	DW160050	07/08/2016
Department of Education	Office of the Assistant Secretary Army (Civil Works).	Special Assistant (Civil Works) (2)	DW160040	07/12/2016
	Office of the General Counsel	Special Assistant	DW160041	07/14/2016
	Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.	Senior Policy Advisor (2)	DW160046	07/19/2016
		Special Projects Manager	DB160105	07/01/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DB160106	07/01/2016
		Special Assistant	DB160109	07/01/2016
	Office of Career Technical and Adult Education.	Policy Analyst	DB160110	07/01/2016
		Engagement Manager	DB160111	07/01/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Deputy Press	DB160102	07/05/2016
		Press Secretary and Strategic Communications Advisor.	DB160118	07/21/2016
	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.	Confidential Assistant	DB160114	07/07/2016
		Confidential Assistant	DB160113	07/08/2016
	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.	Special Assistant	DB160116	07/07/2016
		Confidential Assistant	DB160117	07/15/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary	Senior Policy Advisor	DB160115	07/19/2016
		Chief of Staff	DB160119	07/26/2016
Department of Energy	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Senior Policy Advisor	DB160120	07/29/2016
		Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	DE160141	07/07/2016
	Office of the Chief Information Officer.	Deputy Chief of Staff	DE160138	07/13/2016
		Senior Advisor	DE160143	07/27/2016
Environmental Protection Agency ..	Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs.	Press Secretary	EP160047	07/01/2016
		Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs.	EP160048	07/01/2016
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Office of the Administrator	White House Liaison	EP160050	07/08/2016
		Program Analyst	DR160005	07/1/2016
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Chairman	Confidential Assistant	DR160006	07/01/2016
		Confidential Assistant	DH160132	07/07/2016
	Office of the Administration for Children and Families.	Senior Policy Advisor	DH160166	07/26/2016
		Deputy Press Secretary	DH160160	07/08/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	National Press Secretary for Health Care.	DH160157	07/12/2016
		Communications Director for Human Services.	DH160164	07/21/2016
Department of Homeland Security	Office of the Chief of Staff	Special Assistant	DM160276	07/13/2016
Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Office of the Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DM160273	07/20/2016
		Director of Speechwriting	DU160040	07/20/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Director of Speechwriting ..	DU160043	07/26/2016
		Special Advisor for Digital Strategy	DU160039	07/28/2016
Department of the Interior	Bureau of Land Management	Advisor	DI160079	07/22/2016
		Senior Advisor	DI160082	07/29/2016
Department of Justice	Office of the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.	Advisor	DJ160141	07/26/2016
		Counselor	DL160104	07/06/2016
Department of Labor	Office of the Solicitor	Advisor	DL160103	07/20/2016
Office of Management and Budget	Office of the Secretary	Deputy	BO160045	07/12/2016
		Senior Legislative and Policy Advisor.	QQ160005	07/20/2016
Office of National Drug Control Policy.	Office of Legislative Affairs			

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Office of the United States Trade Representative.	Office of Public and Media Affairs	Deputy Press Secretary and Director of Press Operations.	TN160008	07/21/2016
Department of State	Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.	Special Assistant	DS160116	07/08/2016
	Bureau of Legislative Affairs	Legislative Management Officer	DS160119	07/08/2016
	Office of the Global Women's Issues.	Senior Advisor	DS160120	07/20/2016
	Office of Global Food Security	Staff Assistant	DS160127	07/29/2016
	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Special Assistant	DS160121	07/21/2016
Department of Transportation	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.	Protocol Officer (Visits)	DS160126	07/27/2016
		Associate Director for Public Engagement.	DT160071	07/20/2016
		Deputy Director for Public Engagement.	DT160072	07/20/2016
Department of the Treasury	Office of the Administrator	Senior Advisor	DT160074	07/21/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs).	Spokesperson (2)	DY160102	07/05/2016
	Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.	Director of Scheduling, Advance and Administration.	DY160107	07/21/2016
		Senior Advisor	DY160103	07/07/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for International Affairs.	Special Assistant	DY160116	07/26/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance.	Executive Assistant	DY160109	07/18/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management.	Special Assistant	DY160112	07/21/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy).	Senior Advisor	DY160115	07/21/2016
Department of Veterans Affairs	Office of the Secretary and Deputy	Senior Advisor	DY160108	07/27/2016
	Office of the Secretary and Deputy	Director, Special Projects, Strategic Partnerships.	DV160060	07/06/2016
	Office of Intergovernmental Affairs	Special Assistant	DV160065	07/22/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Press Secretary	DV160066	07/22/2016

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during July 2016.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Vacate date
Department of Agriculture	Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development.	Special Advisor	DA150192	07/09/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.	Special Assistant	DA160004	07/27/2016
	Natural Resources Conservation Service.	Senior Advisor	DA130121	07/29/2016
Department of Commerce	Rural Housing Service	State Director—Kansas	DA130130	07/31/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Senior Public Affairs Coordinator ..	DC160008	07/08/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DC150104	07/08/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary	Senior Advisor	DC160148	07/17/2016
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Associate Director	DC150121	07/22/2016
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Office of the Chief of Staff	Confidential Assistant	DC150105	07/29/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).	Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East.	DD150126	07/09/2016
	Office of the Assistant of Defense (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities).	Chief of Staff to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs.	DD150067	07/09/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs).	Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy.	DD130028	07/10/2016
	Office of the General Counsel	Special Counsel to the General Counsel.	DD150044	07/23/2016
	Washington Headquarters Services.	Defense Fellow	DD150062	07/23/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.	DD150120	07/24/2016
Department of Education	Office of the Secretary	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DB160037	07/01/2016

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Vacate date
		Special Advisor to the Chief of Staff.	DB160038	07/09/2016
	Office of Innovation and Improvement.	Strategic Advisor	DB160019	07/09/2016
	Office of Communication and Outreach.	Press Secretary	DB150012	07/15/2016
Department of Energy	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Legislative Affairs Specialist	DE150034	07/15/2016
Environmental Protection Agency ..	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Press Secretary	EP150048	07/09/2016
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Office of the Chairman	Program Analyst	DR150004	07/05/2016
General Services Administration	Office of Citizen Services, Innovative Technologies and 18F.	Program Director, Presidential Innovation Fellows.	GS140040	07/05/2016
	Public Building Service	Special Assistant	GS150008	07/05/2016
Department of Health and Human Services.	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Special Assistant	DH160004	07/01/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Confidential Assistant	DH150173	07/09/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Special Assistant	DH110110	07/23/2016
Department of Homeland Security	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Special Assistant, Office of Policy	DM160248	07/01/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary For National Protection and Programs Directorate.	Confidential Assistant	DM160243	07/01/2016
	Federal Emergency Management Agency.	Special Assistant	DM150263	07/29/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	DM150199	07/29/2016
Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	DU150072	07/01/2016
	Office of Policy Development and Research.	Financial Analyst For Housing Finance.	DU140027	07/15/2016
Department of the Interior	United States Geological Survey ...	Confidential Assistant	DI140050	07/09/2016
Department of Justice	Office of Public Affairs	Public Affairs Specialist	DJ150116	07/16/2016
National Endowment for the Arts ...	Office of the Chairman	Director of Congressional Affairs ...	NA140003	07/07/2016
National Endowment for the Humanities.	Office of the Chairman	White House Liaison and Chairman's Strategic Scheduler.	NH150004	07/16/2016
Securities and Exchange Commission.	Office of the Chairman	Confidential Assistant	SE110005	07/24/2016
Department of State	Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.	Special Assistant	DS150077	07/09/2016
		Staff Assistant	DS120122	07/09/2016
Department of Transportation	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.	Director of State and Local Governmental Affairs.	DT150037	07/15/2016
		Director of Governmental Affairs, Budget and Programs.	DT160018	07/23/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.	Associate Director for Public Engagement.	DT150045	07/23/2016
Department of the Treasury	Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.	Special Assistant	DY140116	07/01/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs).	Spokesperson (2)	DY150111	07/02/2016
			DY140113	07/09/2016
	Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.	Director of Scheduling, Advance and Administration.	DY150103	07/09/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.	Senior Advisor	DY140012	07/09/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance.	Senior Advisor	DY140016	07/16/2016
United States International Trade Commission.	United States Mint	Senior Advisor	DY160036	07/23/2016
	Office of Commissioner Pinkert	Staff Assistant (Legal)	TC070012	07/20/2016

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218. U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Beth F. Cobert,

Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–79752; File No. SR–FINRA–2017–001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Expiration Date of FINRA Rule 0180 (Application of Rules to Security-Based Swaps)

January 6, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 5, 2017, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) 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 by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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

FINRA is proposing to extend the expiration date of FINRA Rule 0180 (Application of Rules to Security-Based Swaps) to February 12, 2018. FINRA Rule 0180 temporarily limits, with certain exceptions, the application of FINRA rules with respect to security-based swaps.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA 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, FINRA 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. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

On July 1, 2011, the SEC issued an Order granting temporary exemptive relief (the “Temporary Exemptions”) from compliance with certain provisions of the Exchange Act in connection with the revision, pursuant to Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”),⁴ of the Exchange Act definition of “security” to encompass security-based swaps.⁵ Consistent with the Commission’s action, on July 8, 2011, FINRA filed for immediate effectiveness FINRA Rule 0180,⁶ which, with certain exceptions, is intended to temporarily limit the application of FINRA rules⁷ with

respect to security-based swaps, thereby helping to avoid undue market disruptions resulting from the change to the definition of “security” under the Act.⁸

The Commission, noting the need to avoid a potential unnecessary disruption to the security-based swap market in the absence of an extension of the Temporary Exemptions, and the need for additional time to consider the potential impact of the revision of the Exchange Act definition of “security” in light of ongoing Commission rulemaking efforts under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, issued an Order which extended and refined the applicable expiration dates for the previously granted Temporary Exemptions.⁹ The Commission previously noted that extending the Temporary Exemptions would facilitate a coordinated consideration of these issues with the

limited application by their terms. For more information about the rulebook consolidation process, see *Information Notice*, March 12, 2008 (Rulebook Consolidation Process).

⁸ In its Exemptive Release, the Commission noted that the relief is targeted and does not include, for instance, relief from the Act’s antifraud and anti-manipulation provisions. FINRA has noted that FINRA Rule 0180 is similarly targeted. For instance, paragraph (a) of FINRA Rule 0180 provides that FINRA rules shall not apply to members’ activities and positions with respect to security-based swaps, except for FINRA Rules 2010 (Standards of Commercial Honor and Principles of Trade), 2020 (Use of Manipulative, Deceptive or Other Fraudulent Devices), 3310 (Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program) and 4240 (Margin Requirements for Credit Default Swaps). See also paragraphs (b) and (c) of FINRA Rule 0180 (addressing the applicability of additional rules) and FINRA Rule 0180 Notice of Filing.

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71485 (February 5, 2014), 79 FR 7731 (February 10, 2014) (Order Extending Temporary Exemptions Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in Connection With the Revision of the Definition of “Security” to Encompass Security-Based Swaps, and Request for Comment) (“Temporary Exemptions Extension Release”) stating that, for those expiring Temporary Exemptions “that are not directly linked to pending security-based swap rulemakings, the Commission is extending the expiration date until the earlier of such time as the Commission issues an order or rule determining whether any continuing exemptive relief is appropriate for security-based swap activities with respect to any of these Exchange Act provisions or until three years following the effective date of this Order.” The Temporary Exemptions Extension Release further stated that for each expiring Temporary Exemption “that is related to pending security-based swap rulemakings, the Commission is extending the expiration date until the compliance date for the related security-based swap-specific rulemaking.” See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71482 (February 5, 2014), 79 FR 7570 (February 10, 2014) (Extension of Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps) (extending the expiration dates in interim final rules that provide exemptions under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”), the Exchange Act, and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 for those security-based swaps that prior to July 16, 2011 were security-based swap agreements and are defined as “securities” under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as of July 16, 2011 due solely to the provisions of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act).

⁴ Public Law 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64795 (July 1, 2011), 76 FR 39927 (July 7, 2011) (Order Granting Temporary Exemptions Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in Connection With the Pending Revision of the Definition of “Security” To Encompass Security-Based Swaps, and Request for Comment) (the “Exemptive Release”). The term “security-based swap” is defined in Section 761 of the Dodd-Frank Act. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67453 (July 18, 2012), 77 FR 48207 (August 13, 2012) (Further Definition of “Swap,” “Security-Based Swap,” and “Security-Based Swap Agreement”; Mixed Swaps; Security-Based Swap Agreement Recordkeeping).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64884 (July 14, 2011), 76 FR 42755 (July 19, 2011) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change; File No. SR–FINRA–2011–033) (“FINRA Rule 0180 Notice of Filing”). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76850 (January 7, 2016), 81 FR 1666 (January 13, 2016) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change; File No. SR–FINRA–2016–001) (extending the expiration date of FINRA Rule 0180 to February 11, 2017).

⁷ The current FINRA rulebook consists of: (1) FINRA Rules; (2) NASD Rules; and (3) rules incorporated from NYSE (“Incorporated NYSE Rules”). While the NASD Rules generally apply to all FINRA members, the Incorporated NYSE Rules apply only to those members of FINRA that are also members of the NYSE. The FINRA Rules apply to all FINRA members, unless such rules have a more

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).