- Chief Financial Officer's update
- Committee Chairman's closing remarks

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Audit and Oversight Committee

Closed Session: 8:30–9:15 a.m.

- Committee Chairman's opening remarks
- Approval of November 2014 closed meeting and December 2014 closed teleconference minutes
- NSF relocation update
- Discussion of scope of work for proposed external review of issues pertaining to cooperative agreements
- Chairman's closing remarks

Committee on Science & Engineering Indicators (SEI)

Open Session: 9:15–10 a.m.

- Chairman's introduction
- Approval of the November 2014 meeting minutes and the January 2015 teleconference minutes
- Update on *Science and Engineering Indicators 2016* production
- Discussion of the companion report to *Indicators* 2014
- Update on opportunities for outreach and engagement for the *Indicators* suite of products and beyond
- Chairman's closing remarks

Plenary

Executive Closed Session: 10:15–10:45 a.m.

- Approval of executive closed session minutes, November 2014
- Approval of Vannevar Bush award recommendation
- Approval of Alan T. Waterman award recommendation
- Chairman's remarks

Plenary Board Meeting

Closed Session: 10:45– 11:45 a.m.

- Approval of closed session minutes, November 2014
- Discussion of risks to NSF
- Closed committee reports
- Chairman's remarks

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 1:15–3 p.m.

- Approval of open session minutes, November 2014
- Chairman's report
- Director's report
- Open committee reports
- Chairman's remarks

Meeting Adjourns: 3 p.m.

Ann Bushmiller,

Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 28, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on January 22, 2015, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 2 to Competitive Product List.* Documents are available at *www.prc.gov,* Docket Nos. MC2015–24, CP2015–32.

Stanley F. Mires,

Attorney, Federal Requirements.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; 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 23c–1, OMB Control No. 3235–0260, SEC File No. 270–253.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 350l–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''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.

Rule 23c–1(a) under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.23c–1(a)) permits a closed-end fund to repurchase its securities for cash if, in addition to the other requirements set forth in the rule, the following conditions are met: (i) Payment of the purchase price is accompanied or preceded by a written confirmation of the purchase (''written confirmation''); (ii) the asset coverage per unit of the security to be purchased is disclosed to the seller or his agent (''asset coverage disclosure''); and (iii) if the security is a stock, the fund has, within the preceding six months, informed stockholders of its intention to purchase stock (''six month notice''). Commission staff estimates that 78 closed-end funds undertake a total of 702 repurchases annually under rule 23c–1.[1] Staff estimates further that, with respect to each repurchase, each fund spends 2.5 hours to comply with the rule's written confirmation, asset coverage disclosure and six month notice requirements. Thus, Commission staff estimates the total annual respondent reporting burden is 1755 hours.[2] Commission staff further estimates that the cost of the hourly burden per repurchase is $295 (one half hour of a compliance attorney's time at $334 per hour,[3] and two hours of clerical time at $64 per hour[4]). The total annual cost for all funds is estimated to be $207,090.[5]

In addition, the fund must file with the Commission a copy of any written solicitation to purchase securities given by or on behalf of the fund to 10 or more persons. The copy must be filed as an exhibit to Form N–CSR (17 CFR 249.331 and 274.128).[6] The burden associated

[1] The number of closed-end funds that undertake repurchases annually under rule 23c–1 is based on information provided in response to Item 9 of Form N–CSR from December 30, 2013 through December 30, 2014. Although 112 closed-end funds made disclosures regarding ''publicly announced'' repurchase plans in response to Item 9, not all repurchases are made pursuant to rule 23c–1. We estimate that approximately 30% of such closed-end funds have not made repurchases pursuant to rule 23c–1. Therefore, our estimate does not include all 112 funds that made disclosures of publicly announced repurchases under Item 9, but only a subset thereof.

[2] This estimate is based on the following calculation: 702 repurchases x 2.5 hours per repurchase = 1755 hours.

[3] The $334/hour figure for a compliance attorney 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.

[4] The $64/hour figure for a compliance clerk is from SIFMA's Office Salaries in the Securities Industry 2013, modified by Commission staff to account for an 1800-hour work-year and multiplied by 2.93 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits and overhead.

[5] This estimate is based on the following calculation: 702 repurchases x $295 per repurchase = $207,090.

[6] In addition, Item 9 of Form N–CSR requires closed-end funds to disclose information similar to the information that was required in Form N–23C–1, which was discontinued in 2004.

with filing Form N–CSR is addressed in the submission related to that form.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the 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.

Please direct your written comments to Pamela Dyson, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.*

Dated: January 22, 2015.

Brent Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Extension:

Rule 17Ac2–1, SEC File No. 270–95, OMB Control No. 3235–0084.

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 existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17Ac2–1 (17 CFR 240.17Ac2–1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (''Exchange Act'').

Rule 17Ac2–1, pursuant to Section 17A(c) of the Exchange Act, generally requires transfer agents for whom the Commission is the transfer agent's Appropriate Regulatory Agency (''ARA''), to file an application for registration with the Commission on Form TA–1 and to amend their registrations under certain circumstances.

Specifically, Rule 17Ac2–1 requires transfer agents to file a Form TA–1 application for registration with the Commission where the Commission is their ARA. Such transfer agents must also amend their Form TA–1 if the existing information on their Form TA–1 becomes inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete within 60 days following the date the information became inaccurate, misleading or incomplete. Registration filings on Form TA–1 and amendments thereto must be filed with the Commission electronically, absent an exemption, on EDGAR pursuant to Regulation S–T (17 CFR 232).

The Commission annually receives approximately 174 filings on Form TA–1 from transfer agents required to register as such with the Commission. Included in this figure are approximately 164 amendments made annually by transfer agents to their Form TA–1 as required by Rule 17Ac2–1(c) to address information that has become inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete and approximately 10 new applications by transfer agents for registration on Form TA–1 as required by Rule 17Ac2–1(a). Based on past submissions, the staff estimates that on average approximately twelve hours are required for initial completion of Form TA–1 and that on average one and one-half hours are required for an amendment to Form TA–1 by each such firm. Thus, the subtotal burden for new applications for registration filed on Form TA–1 each year is 120 hours (12 hours times 10 filers) and the subtotal burden for amendments to Form TA–1 filed each year is 246 hours (1.5 hours times 164 filers). The cumulative total is 366 burden hours per year (120 hours plus 246 hours).

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 public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: *www.reginfo.gov.* Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an email to: *Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov;* and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.* Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: January 22, 2015.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–74111; File No. SR–BYX–2015–05]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Pilot Period for BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.'s Retail Price Improvement (''RPI'') Program for 12 Months, To Expire on January 31, 2016

January 22, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2015, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the ''Exchange'' or ''BYX'') 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 Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as a ''non-controversial'' proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act[3] and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,[4] which renders it effective upon filing with 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to extend the pilot period for the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement (''RPI'') Program (the ''Program''), which is currently set to expire on January 31, 2015, for 12 months, to expire on January 31, 2016.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[4] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6)(iii).