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Extension: Rule 17Ad-15

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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 Rule 17Ad-15 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-15) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.).

Rule 17Ad-15 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-15) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) (the “Act”) requires the approximately 373 transfer agents to establish written standards for the acceptance or rejection of guarantees of securities transfers from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents are required to establish procedures to ensure that those standards are used by the transfer agent to determine whether to accept or reject guarantees from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents must maintain, for a period of three years following the date of a rejection of

transfer, a record of all transfers rejected, along with the reason for the rejection, identification of the guarantor, and whether the guarantor failed to meet the transfer agent's guarantee standard. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

There are approximately 373 registered transfer agents. The staff estimates that each transfer agent will spend about 40 hours annually to comply with Rule 17Ad-15, or a total of 14,920 hours for all transfer agents ($373 \times 40 \text{ hours} = 14,920 \text{ hours}$). The Commission staff estimates that compliance staff work at each registered transfer agent will result in an internal cost of compliance (at an estimated hourly wage of \$283) of \$11,320 per year per transfer agent ($40 \text{ hours} \times \$283 \text{ per hour} = \$11,320 \text{ per year}$). Therefore, the aggregate annual internal cost of compliance for the approximately 373 registered transfer agents is approximately \$4,222,360 ($\$11,320 \times 373 = \$4,222,360$).

This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

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 website: 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 e-mail to: Lindsay.abate@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information

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Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: November 20, 2018.

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