



## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17Ad-17**

*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 proposed collection of information. Rule 17Ad-17 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-17) requires certain transfer agents and broker-dealers to make two searches for the correct address of lost securityholders using an information database without charge to the lost securityholders. In addition, paying agents are required to attempt to notify lost payees at least once. In addition, the entities also are required to maintain records relating to the searches and notifications. The Commission staff estimates that the rule applies to approximately 489 broker dealers and transfer agents, and 3,106 paying agent entities, including carrying firms, transfer agents, indenture trustees, custodians, and approximately 10% of issuers. The Commission staff estimates that the total annual burden for searches is approximately 183,813 hours and the total annual burden for paying agent notifications is approximately 38,913 hours. In addition, approximately 5,968 burden hours are associated with recordkeeping, representing an annual burden of 4,411 hours for the broker-dealers and transfer agents, and 1,557 for paying agents. The Commission staff estimates that the aggregate annual burden is therefore approximately 228,694 hours (183,813 + 38,913 + 5,968).

In addition, the Commission staff estimates that covered entities will incur costs of approximately \$6,617,298 annually, primarily as payment to third party data base providers that will search for the missing securityholders.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-17 is not less than three years. The recordkeeping requirement under this rule is mandatory to assist the Commission in monitoring compliance with the rule. 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 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 e-mail to [PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov](mailto:PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov) by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. There will be a second opportunity to comment on this SEC request following the *Federal Register* publishing a 30-Day Submission Notice.

Dated: June 25, 2025.

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