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Title: Protection of Collateral of Counterparties to Uncleared Swaps; Treatment of Securities in a Portfolio Margining Account in a Commodity Broker Bankruptcy (OMB Control No. 3038-0075). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: On November 6, 2013, the Commission issued final rules implementing statutory provisions pursuant to Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") and imposing requirements on swap dealers ("SD") and major swap participants ("MSP") with respect to the treatment of collateral posted by their counterparties to margin, guarantee, or secure uncleared swaps.¹ Additionally, the final rule includes revisions to ensure that, for purposes of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, securities held in a portfolio margining account that is a futures account or a Cleared Swaps Customer Account constitute "customer property"; and owners of such accounts constitute "customers."² Section 4s(l) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") sets forth certain requirements concerning the rights of counterparties of SDs and

MSPs with respect to the segregation of money, securities, or other property used to margin, guarantee, or otherwise secure uncleared swaps. Section 23.701 of the Commission's regulations implements part of the new statutory requirements by specifying that certain information must be provided to counterparties about the terms and conditions of segregation, including price information, to the extent that the SD or MSP has such information, and the identity of one or more independent depositories for segregated collateral. Section 23.704 implements the requirements of CEA section 4s(l)(4), which dictates that, in certain circumstances, an SD or MSP must report to the counterparty, on a quarterly basis, "that the back office procedures of the swap dealer or major swap participant relating to margin and collateral requirements are in compliance with the agreement of the counterparties."

As discussed above, the rules establish reporting and recordkeeping requirements that are mandated by section 4s(l) of the CEA, which states that SDs and MSPs must notify their counterparties of the right to have their initial margin segregated and to maintain the confirmations and elections related to such notices as business records. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to implement the objectives of section 4s(1). For example, the information received by uncleared swap counterparties pursuant to § 23.701 of the Commission's regulations would alert counterparties to their statutory right, if they so choose, to have funds or property used as margin in uncleared swaps transactions with SDs and MSPs kept segregated from the property of the SD or MSP. Likewise, the information provided would further alert counterparties of the need to request such segregation if they wish to exercise this right. Similarly, the information received by uncleared swap counterparties pursuant to § 23.704 would be used to confirm that the back office procedures followed by a SD or MSP with whom they are dealing comply with the agreement of the parties. On May 12, 2017, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension. See 82 FR 22118 (May 12, 2017). The Commission received no relevant comments.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection to reflect the current

number of registered SDs and MSPs. Accordingly, the respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Number of Registrants: 102.
Estimated Average Burden Hours per Registrant: 3406.
Estimated Aggregate Burden Hours: 347,412.
Frequency of Recordkeeping: As applicable.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: July 24, 2017.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA"), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request ("ICR") abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs ("OIRA") in OMB, within 30 days of the notice's publication, by either of the following methods. Please identify the comments by OMB Control No. 3038-0091.

- *By email addressed to:* OIRAsubmissions@omb.eop.gov; or
- *By mail addressed to:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

A copy of all comments submitted to OIRA should be sent to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") by either of the following methods. The copies should refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0091.

- *By submission through the Commission's Web site:* <http://>

¹ 78 FR 66621 (Nov. 6, 2013).

² *Id.*

comments.cftc.gov. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site;

- *By mail addressed to:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581; or

- *By hand delivery/courier to:* the address listed above for submission by mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Chachkin, Special Counsel, 202–418–5496, email: jchachkin@cftc.gov; or Joshua Beale, Special Counsel, 202–418–5446, email: jbeale@cftc.gov, both in the CFTC Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Title: Disclosure and Retention of Certain Information Relating to Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral (OMB Control No. 3038–0091). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Part 22 of the Commission’s regulations under the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”) establishes rules for the protection of customer collateral held by futures commission merchants (“FCM”) and derivatives clearing organizations (“DCO”) to serve as margin in cleared swaps transactions.

As part of this regulatory scheme, §§ 22.2(g), 22.5(a), 22.11, 22.12, 22.16, and 22.17 impose recordkeeping and third-party disclosure requirements on FCMs and DCOs. In addition, § 22.13(c)(2) indirectly requires FCMs who post excess collateral with DCOs to perform certain computations regarding such collateral, although it is not expected to materially affect the total paperwork burden associated with Part 22.

Section 22.2(g) requires each FCM with Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts¹ to, among other things, compute daily and report to the Commission the amount of Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral² on deposit in such accounts, the amount of such collateral required to be on deposit in such accounts and the amount of the FCM’s residual financial interest in such accounts. Section 22.5(a) requires an FCM or DCO to obtain, from each depository with which it deposits cleared swaps customer funds, a letter acknowledging that such funds belong to the Cleared Swaps Customers³ of the FCM or DCO, and not the FCM, DCO, or any other person. Section 22.11 requires each FCM that intermediates cleared swaps for customers on or subject to the rules of a DCO, whether directly as a clearing member or indirectly through a Collecting FCM,⁴ to provide the DCO or the Collecting FCM, as appropriate, with information sufficient to identify each customer of the FCM whose swaps are cleared by the FCM. Section 22.11 also requires the FCM, at least once daily, to provide the DCO or the Collecting FCM, as appropriate, with information sufficient to identify each customer’s portfolio of rights and obligations arising out of cleared swaps intermediated by the FCM. Section 22.12 requires that each Collecting FCM and DCO, on a daily basis, calculate, based on information received pursuant to § 22.11 and on information generated and used in the ordinary course of business by the Collecting FCM or DCO, and record certain information about the amount of collateral required for each Cleared Swaps Customer and the sum of these amounts. Section 22.16 requires that each FCM who has Cleared Swaps Customers disclose to each of such customers the governing provisions, as established by DCO rules or customer agreements between collecting and depositing FCMs, relating to use of

¹ For the definition of Cleared Swaps Customer Account, see 17 CFR 22.1.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

customer collateral, transfer, neutralization of the risks, or liquidation of cleared swaps in the event of default by a Depositing FCM⁵ relating to a Cleared Swaps Customer Account. Section 22.17 requires that FCM produce a written notice of the reasons and the details concerning withdrawals from Cleared Swaps Customers Account not for the benefit of Cleared Swap Customers if such withdrawal will exceed 25% of the FCMs residual interest in such account.

The Commission believes that the information collection obligations imposed by Commission regulations in §§ 22.2(g), 22.5(a), 22.11, 22.12, 22.16, and 22.17 are essential (i) to ensuring that FCMs and DCOs develop and maintain adequate customer protections and procedures over Cleared Swap Customer funds as required by the CEA, and Commission regulations, and (ii) to the effective evaluation of these registrants’ actual compliance with the CEA and Commission regulations. On April 24, 2017, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension. See 82 FR 18900 (April 24, 2017). The Commission received no comments.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection to reflect the current number of affected registrants. Accordingly, the respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Number of Registrants: 68.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Registrant: 365.

Estimated Aggregate Burden Hours: 24,820.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: As applicable.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: July 21, 2017.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16–84]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

⁵ *Id.*