disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–BatsEDGX–2017–29).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[6]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a closed meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(7), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Piwowar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Adjudicatory matters;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Dated: August 24, 2017.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33–10407; 34–81476/August 24, 2017]

Order Making Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Adjustments to Registration Fee Rates

I. Background

The Commission collects fees under various provisions of the securities laws. Section 6(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 (''Securities Act'') requires the Commission to collect fees from issuers on the registration of securities.[1] Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Exchange Act'') requires the Commission to collect fees on specified repurchases of securities.[2] Section 14(g) of the Exchange Act requires the Commission to collect fees on specified proxy solicitations and statements in corporate control transactions.[3] These provisions require the Commission to make annual adjustments to the applicable fee rates.

II. Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Adjustment to Fee Rates

Section 6(b)(2) of the Securities Act requires the Commission to make an annual adjustment to the fee rate applicable under Section 6(b).[4] The annual adjustment to the fee rate under Section 6(b) of the Securities Act also sets the annual adjustment to the fee rates under Sections 13(e) and 14(g) of the Exchange Act.[5]

Section 6(b)(2) sets forth the method for determining the annual adjustment to the fee rate under Section 6(b) for fiscal year 2018. Specifically, the Commission must adjust the fee rate under Section 6(b) to a ''rate that, when applied to the baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering prices for [fiscal year 2018], is reasonably likely to produce aggregate fee collections under [Section 6(b)] that are equal to the target fee collection amount for [fiscal year 2018].'' That is, the adjusted rate is determined by dividing the ''target fee collection amount'' for fiscal year 2018 by the ''baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering prices'' for fiscal year 2018.

Section 6(b)(6)(A) specifies that the ''target fee collection amount'' for fiscal

year 2018 is $620,000,000. Section 6(b)(6)(B) defines the ''baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering prices'' for fiscal year 2018 as ''the baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering price at which securities are proposed to be offered pursuant to registration statements filed with the Commission during [fiscal year 2018] as determined by the Commission, after consultation with the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget . . . .''

To make the baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering price for fiscal year 2018, the Commission is using a methodology that has been used in prior fiscal years and that was developed in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office (''CBO'') and Office of Management and Budget (''OMB'').[6] Using this methodology, the Commission determines the ''baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering price'' for fiscal year 2018 to be $4,981,648,951,511. Based on this estimate, the Commission calculates the fee rate for fiscal 2018 to be $124.50 per million. This adjusted fee rate applies to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act, as well as to Sections 13(e) and 14(g) of the Exchange Act.

III. Effective Dates of the Annual Adjustments

The fiscal year 2018 annual adjustments to the fee rates applicable under Section 6(b) of the Securities Act and Sections 13(e) and 14(g) of the Exchange Act will be effective on October 1, 2017.[7]

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act and Sections 13(e) and 14(g) of the Exchange Act,[8]

It is hereby ordered that the fee rates applicable under Section 6(b) of the Securities Act and Sections 13(e) and 14(g) of the Exchange Act shall be $124.50 per million effective on October 1, 2017.

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[6] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 77f(b).

[2] 15 U.S.C. 78m(e).

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78n(g).

[4] 15 U.S.C. 77f(b)(2). The annual adjustments are designed to adjust the fee rate in a given fiscal year so that, when applied to the aggregate maximum offering price at which securities are proposed to be offered for the fiscal year, it is reasonably likely to produce total fee collections under Section 6(b) equal to the ''target fee collection amount'' specified in Section 6(b)(6)(A) for that fiscal year.

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78m(e)(4) and 15 U.S.C. 78n(g)(4).

[6] Appendix A explains how we determined the ''baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering price'' for fiscal year 2018 using our methodology, and then shows the arithmetical process of calculating the fiscal year 2018 annual adjustment based on that estimate. The appendix includes the data used by the Commission in making its ''baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering price'' for fiscal year 2018.

[7] 15 U.S.C. 77f(b)(4), 15 U.S.C. 78m(e)(6) and 15 U.S.C. 78n(g)(6).

[8] 15 U.S.C. 77f(b), 78m(e) and 78n(g).

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

Appendix A

Congress has established a target amount of monies to be collected from fees charged to issuers based on the value of their registrations. This appendix provides the formula for determining such fees, which the Commission adjusts annually. Congress has mandated that the Commission determine these fees based on the ''aggregate maximum offering prices,'' which measures the aggregate dollar amount of securities registered with the Commission over the course of the year. In order to maximize the likelihood that the amount of monies targeted by Congress will be collected, the fee rate must be set to reflect projected aggregate maximum offering prices. As a percentage, the fee rate equals the ratio of the target amounts of monies to the projected aggregate maximum offering prices.

For 2018, the Commission has estimated the aggregate maximum offering prices by projecting forward the trend established in the previous decade. More specifically, an ARIMA model was used to forecast the value of the aggregate maximum offering prices for months subsequent to July 2017, the last month for which the Commission has data on the aggregate maximum offering prices.

The following sections describe this process in detail.

A. Baseline Estimate of the Aggregate Maximum Offering Prices for Fiscal Year 2018

First, calculate the aggregate maximum offering prices (AMOP) for each month in the sample (July 2007–July 2017). Next, calculate the percentage change in the AMOP from month to month.

Model the monthly percentage change in AMOP as a first order moving average process. The moving average approach allows one to model the effect that an exceptionally high (or low) observation of AMOP tends to be followed by a more ''typical'' value of AMOP.

Use the estimated moving average model to forecast the monthly percent change in AMOP. These percent changes can then be applied to obtain forecasts of the total dollar value of registrations. The following is a more formal (mathematical) description of the procedure:

1. Begin with the monthly data for AMOP. The sample spans ten years, from July 2007 to July 2017.

2. Divide each month's AMOP (column C) by the number of trading days in that month (column B) to obtain the average daily AMOP (AAMOP, column D).

3. For each month t, the natural logarithm of AAMOP is reported in column E.

4. Calculate the change in log(AAMOP) from the previous month as $\Delta_t = \log(AAMOP_t) - \log(AAMOP_{t-1})$. This approximates the percentage change.

5. Estimate the first order moving average model $\Delta_t = \alpha + \beta e_{t-1} + e_t$, where e_t denotes the forecast error for month t. The forecast error is simply the difference between the one-month ahead forecast and the actual realization of Δ_t. The forecast error is

expressed as $e_t = \Delta_t - \alpha - \beta e_{t-1}$. The model can be estimated using standard commercially available software. Using least squares, the estimated parameter values are $\alpha = 0.0014909132$ and $\beta = 0.8922530731$.

6. For the month of August 2017 forecast $\Delta_{t = 8/2017} = \alpha + \beta e_{t = 7/2017}$. For all subsequent months, forecast $\Delta_t = \alpha$.

7. Calculate forecasts of log(AAMOP). For example, the forecast of log(AAMOP) for October 2017 is given by $FLAAMOP_{t = 10/2017} = \log(AAMOP_{t = 7/2017}) + \Delta_{t = 8/2017} + \Delta_{t = 9/2017} + \Delta_{t = 10/2017}$.

8. Under the assumption that e_t is normally distributed, the n-step ahead forecast of AAMOP is given by $\exp(FLAAMOP_t + \sigma_n^2/2)$, where σ_n denotes the standard error of the n-step ahead forecast.

9. For October 2017, this gives a forecast AAMOP of $19.617 billion (Column I), and a forecast AMOP of $431.6 billion (Column J).

10. Iterate this process through September 2018 to obtain a baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering prices for fiscal year 2018 of $4,981,648,951,511.

B. Using the Forecasts From A To Calculate the New Fee Rate

1. Using the data from Table A, estimate the aggregate maximum offering prices between 10/01/17 and 9/30/18 to be $4,981,648,951,511.

2. The rate necessary to collect the target $620,000,000 in fee revenues set by Congress is then calculated as: $620,000,000 ÷ $4,981,648,951,511 = 0.000124457.

3. Round the result to the seventh decimal point, yielding a rate of 0.0001245 (or $124.50 per million).

TABLE A—ESTIMATION OF BASELINE OF AGGREGATE MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICES

Fee rate calculation	
a. Baseline estimate of the aggregate maximum offering prices, 10/1/17 to 9/30/18 ($Millions)	4,981,649
b. Implied fee rate ($620 Million/a)	$124.50

Month	Number of trading days in month	Aggregate maximum offering prices, in $millions	Average daily aggregate max. offering prices (AAMOP) in $millions	Log (AAMOP)	Log (change in AAMOP)	Forecast log (AAMOP)	Standard error	Forecast AAMOP, in $millions	Forecast aggregate maximum offering prices, in $millions
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
Data									
Jul–07	21	326,612	15,553	23.468	....	....	....	....	....
Aug–07	23	369,172	16,051	23.499	0.032	....	....	....	....
Sep–07	19	241,059	12,687	23.264	−0.235	....	....	....	....
Oct–07	23	239,652	10,420	23.067	−0.197	....	....	....	....
Nov–07	21	458,654	21,841	23.807	0.740	....	....	....	....
Dec–07	20	410,200	20,510	23.744	−0.063	....	....	....	....
Jan–08	21	354,433	16,878	23.549	−0.195	....	....	....	....
Feb–08	20	263,410	13,171	23.301	−0.248	....	....	....	....
Mar–08	20	596,923	29,846	24.119	0.818	....	....	....	....
Apr–08	22	292,534	13,297	23.311	−0.809	....	....	....	....
May–08	21	456,077	21,718	23.801	0.491	....	....	....	....
Jun–08	21	461,087	21,957	23.812	0.011	....	....	....	....
Jul–08	22	232,896	10,586	23.083	−0.730	....	....	....	....
Aug–08	21	395,440	18,830	23.659	0.576	....	....	....	....
Sep–08	21	177,636	8,459	22.858	−0.800	....	....	....	....
Oct–08	23	360,494	15,674	23.475	0.617	....	....	....	....
Nov–08	19	288,911	15,206	23.445	−0.030	....	....	....	....

Month	Number of trading days in month	Aggregate maximum offering prices, in $millions	Average daily aggregate max. offering prices (AAMOP) in $millions	Log (AAMOP)	Log (change in AAMOP)	Forecast log (AAMOP)	Standard error	Forecast AAMOP, in $millions	Forecast aggregate maximum offering prices, in $millions
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
Dec–08	22	319,584	14,527	23.399	−0.046	....	....	....	....
Jan–09	20	375,065	18,753	23.655	0.255	....	....	....	....
Feb–09	19	249,666	13,140	23.299	−0.356	....	....	....	....
Mar–09	22	739,931	33,633	24.239	0.940	....	....	....	....
Apr–09	21	235,914	11,234	23.142	−1.097	....	....	....	....
May–09	20	329,522	16,476	23.525	0.383	....	....	....	....
Jun–09	22	357,524	16,251	23.511	−0.014	....	....	....	....
Jul–09	22	185,187	8,418	22.854	−0.658	....	....	....	....
Aug–09	21	192,726	9,177	22.940	0.086	....	....	....	....
Sep–09	21	189,224	9,011	22.922	−0.018	....	....	....	....
Oct–09	22	215,720	9,805	23.006	0.085	....	....	....	....
Nov–09	20	248,353	12,418	23.242	0.236	....	....	....	....
Dec–09	22	340,464	15,476	23.463	0.220	....	....	....	....
Jan–10	19	173,235	9,118	22.933	−0.529	....	....	....	....
Feb–10	19	209,963	11,051	23.126	0.192	....	....	....	....
Mar–10	23	432,934	18,823	23.658	0.533	....	....	....	....
Apr–10	21	280,188	13,342	23.314	−0.344	....	....	....	....
May–10	20	278,611	13,931	23.357	0.043	....	....	....	....
Jun–10	22	364,251	16,557	23.530	0.173	....	....	....	....
Jul–10	21	171,191	8,152	22.822	−0.709	....	....	....	....
Aug–10	22	240,793	10,945	23.116	0.295	....	....	....	....
Sep–10	21	260,783	12,418	23.242	0.126	....	....	....	....
Oct–10	21	214,988	10,238	23.049	−0.193	....	....	....	....
Nov–10	21	340,112	16,196	23.508	0.459	....	....	....	....
Dec–10	22	297,992	13,545	23.329	−0.179	....	....	....	....
Jan–11	20	233,668	11,683	23.181	−0.148	....	....	....	....
Feb–11	19	252,785	13,304	23.311	0.130	....	....	....	....
Mar–11	23	595,198	25,878	23.977	0.665	....	....	....	....
Apr–11	20	236,355	11,818	23.193	−0.784	....	....	....	....
May–11	21	319,053	15,193	23.444	0.251	....	....	....	....
Jun–11	22	359,727	16,351	23.518	0.073	....	....	....	....
Jul–11	20	215,391	10,770	23.100	−0.418	....	....	....	....
Aug–11	23	179,870	7,820	22.780	−0.320	....	....	....	....
Sep–11	21	168,005	8,000	22.803	0.023	....	....	....	....
Oct–11	21	181,452	8,641	22.880	0.077	....	....	....	....
Nov–11	21	256,418	12,210	23.226	0.346	....	....	....	....
Dec–11	21	237,652	11,317	23.150	−0.076	....	....	....	....
Jan–12	20	276,965	13,848	23.351	0.202	....	....	....	....
Feb–12	20	228,419	11,421	23.159	−0.193	....	....	....	....
Mar–12	22	430,806	19,582	23.698	0.539	....	....	....	....
Apr–12	20	173,626	8,681	22.884	−0.813	....	....	....	....
May–12	22	414,122	18,824	23.658	0.774	....	....	....	....
Jun–12	21	272,218	12,963	23.285	−0.373	....	....	....	....
Jul–12	21	170,462	8,117	22.817	−0.468	....	....	....	....
Aug–12	23	295,472	12,847	23.276	0.459	....	....	....	....
Sep–12	19	331,295	17,437	23.582	0.305	....	....	....	....
Oct–12	21	137,562	6,551	22.603	−0.979	....	....	....	....
Nov–12	21	221,521	10,549	23.079	0.476	....	....	....	....
Dec–12	20	321,602	16,080	23.501	0.422	....	....	....	....
Jan–13	21	368,488	17,547	23.588	0.087	....	....	....	....
Feb–13	19	252,148	13,271	23.309	−0.279	....	....	....	....
Mar–13	20	533,440	26,672	24.007	0.698	....	....	....	....
Apr–13	22	235,779	10,717	23.095	−0.912	....	....	....	....
May–13	22	382,950	17,407	23.580	0.485	....	....	....	....
Jun–13	20	480,624	24,031	23.903	0.322	....	....	....	....
Jul–13	22	263,869	11,994	23.208	−0.695	....	....	....	....
Aug–13	22	253,305	11,514	23.167	−0.041	....	....	....	....
Sep–13	20	267,923	13,396	23.318	0.151	....	....	....	....
Oct–13	23	293,847	12,776	23.271	−0.047	....	....	....	....
Nov–13	20	326,257	16,313	23.515	0.244	....	....	....	....
Dec–13	21	358,169	17,056	23.560	0.045	....	....	....	....
Jan–14	21	369,067	17,575	23.590	0.030	....	....	....	....
Feb–14	19	298,376	15,704	23.477	−0.113	....	....	....	....
Mar–14	21	564,840	26,897	24.015	0.538	....	....	....	....
Apr–14	21	263,401	12,543	23.252	−0.763	....	....	....	....
May–14	21	403,700	19,224	23.679	0.427	....	....	....	....
Jun–14	21	423,075	20,146	23.726	0.047	....	....	....	....
Jul–14	22	373,811	16,991	23.556	−0.170	....	....	....	....
Aug–14	21	405,017	19,287	23.683	0.127	....	....	....	....
Sep–14	21	409,349	19,493	23.693	0.011	....	....	....	....
Oct–14	23	338,832	14,732	23.413	−0.280	....	....	....	....
Nov–14	19	386,898	20,363	23.737	0.324	....	....	....	....
Dec–14	22	370,760	16,853	23.548	−0.189	....	....	....	....
Jan–15	20	394,127	19,706	23.704	0.156	....	....	....	....

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
Feb–15	19	466,138	24,534	23.923	0.219	....	....	....	....
Mar–15	22	753,747	34,261	24.257	0.334	....	....	....	....
Apr–15	21	356,560	16,979	23.555	−0.702	....	....	....	....
May–15	20	478,591	23,930	23.898	0.343	....	....	....	....
Jun–15	22	446,102	20,277	23.733	−0.166	....	....	....	....
Jul–15	22	402,062	18,276	23.629	−0.104	....	....	....	....
Aug–15	21	334,746	15,940	23.492	−0.137	....	....	....	....
Sep–15	21	289,872	13,803	23.348	−0.144	....	....	....	....
Oct–15	22	300,276	13,649	23.337	−0.011	....	....	....	....
Nov–15	20	409,690	20,485	23.743	0.406	....	....	....	....
Dec–15	22	308,569	14,026	23.364	−0.379	....	....	....	....
Jan–16	19	457,411	24,074	23.904	0.540	....	....	....	....
Feb–16	20	554,343	27,717	24.045	0.141	....	....	....	....
Mar–16	22	900,301	40,923	24.435	0.390	....	....	....	....
Apr–16	21	250,716	11,939	23.203	−1.232	....	....	....	....
May–16	21	409,992	19,523	23.695	0.492	....	....	....	....
Jun–16	22	321,219	14,601	23.404	−0.291	....	....	....	....
Jul–16	20	289,671	14,484	23.396	−0.008	....	....	....	....
Aug–16	23	352,068	15,307	23.452	0.055	....	....	....	....
Sep–16	21	326,116	15,529	23.466	0.014	....	....	....	....
Oct–16	21	266,115	12,672	23.263	−0.203	....	....	....	....
Nov–16	21	443,034	21,097	23.772	0.510	....	....	....	....
Dec–16	21	310,614	14,791	23.417	−0.355	....	....	....	....
Jan–17	20	503,030	25,152	23.948	0.531	....	....	....	....
Feb–17	19	255,815	13,464	23.323	−0.625	....	....	....	....
Mar–17	23	723,870	31,473	24.172	0.849	....	....	....	....
Apr–17	19	255,275	13,436	23.321	−0.851	....	....	....	....
May–17	22	569,965	25,908	23.978	0.657	....	....	....	....
Jun–17	22	445,081	20,231	23.730	−0.247	....	....	....	....
Jul–17	20	291,167	14,558	23.401	−0.329	....	....	....	....
Aug–17	23	....	....	....	....	23.641896	0.327	19,535	449,296
Sep–17	20	....	....	....	....	23.643387	0.329	19,576	391,518
Oct–17	22	....	....	....	....	23.644878	0.331	19,617	431,581
Nov–17	21	....	....	....	....	23.646369	0.333	19,659	412,835
Dec–17	20	....	....	....	....	23.647860	0.335	19,700	394,008
Jan–18	21	....	....	....	....	23.649351	0.337	19,742	414,583
Feb–18	19	....	....	....	....	23.650841	0.338	19,784	375,892
Mar–18	21	....	....	....	....	23.652332	0.340	19,826	416,338
Apr–18	21	....	....	....	....	23.653823	0.342	19,868	417,219
May–18	22	....	....	....	....	23.655314	0.344	19,910	438,011
Jun–18	21	....	....	....	....	23.656805	0.346	19,952	418,986
Jul–18	21	....	....	....	....	23.658296	0.348	19,994	419,872
Aug–18	23	....	....	....	....	23.659787	0.349	20,036	460,832
Sep–18	19	....	....	....	....	23.661278	0.351	20,079	381,492

Figure A

Aggregate Maximum Offering Prices Subject to Securities Act Section 6(b)

(Dashed Line Indicates Forecast Values)
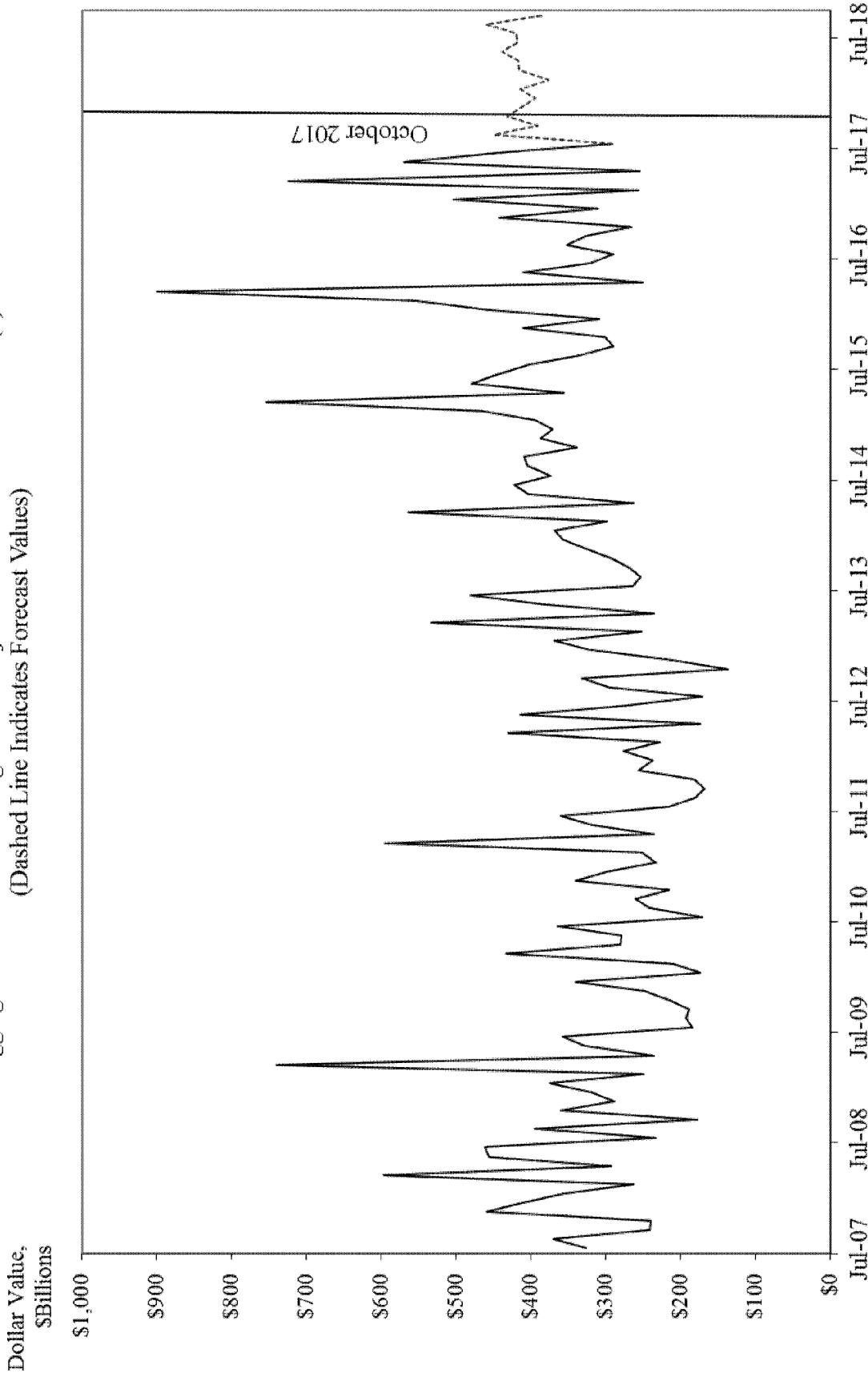
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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA–2017–0045]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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(SSA), Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, 3100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410–966–2830, Email address: *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*.

Or you may submit your comments online through *www.regulations.gov,* referencing Docket ID Number [SSA–2017–0045].

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than October 30, 2017. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. Partnership Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1080–404.1082(e)—0960–0025. SSA considers partnership income in determining entitlement to Social Security benefits. SSA uses information from Form SSA–7104 to determine several aspects of eligibility for benefits, including the accuracy of reported partnership earnings; the veracity of a retirement; and lag earnings where SSA needs this information to determine the status of the insured. The respondents are applicants for, and recipients of, Title II Social Security benefits who are reporting partnership earnings.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA–7104	12,350	1	30	6,175

2. Supplement to Claim of Person Outside the United States—20 CFR 422.505(b), 404.460, 404.463, and 42 CFR 407.27(c)—0960–0051. Claimants or beneficiaries (both United States (U.S.) citizens and aliens entitled to benefits) living outside the U.S. complete Form SSA–21 as a supplement to an application for benefits. SSA collects the information to determine eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits for those months an alien beneficiary or claimant is outside the U.S., and to determine if tax withholding applies. In addition, SSA uses the information to: (1) Allow beneficiaries or claimants to request a special payment exception in an SSA restricted country; (2) terminate supplemental medical insurance coverage for recipients who request it, because they are, or will be, out of the United States; and (3) allow claimants to collect a lump sum death benefit if the number holder died outside the U.S. and we do not have information to determine whether the lump sum death benefit is payable under the Social Security Act (Act). The respondents are Social Security claimants, or individuals entitled to Social Security benefits, who are, were, or will be residing outside the U.S. three months or longer.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
Paper SSA–21—U.S. Residents	510	1	14	119
Paper SSA–21—Residents of a Tax Treaty Country	2,751	1	9	413
Paper SSA–21—Nonresident aliens	1,835	1	8	245
Modernized Claims System (MCS) Macros SSA–21—U.S. Residents	1,325	1	11	243
MCS Macros SSA 21—Residents of a Tax Treaty Country	7,153	1	6	715
MCS Macros SSA 21—Nonresident aliens	4,769	1	5	397
Totals	18,343			2,132

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than September 28, 2017. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*.

1. *Application for Search of Census Records for Proof of Age—20 CFR 404.716—0960–0097*. When preferred evidence of age is not available, or the available evidence is not convincing, SSA may ask the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, to search its records to establish a claimant's date of birth. SSA collects information from claimants using Form SSA–1535–U3 to provide the Census Bureau with sufficient identification