

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR FORM SE

A. Justification

1. Necessity of Information Collection

Regulation S-T (17 CFR Part 232 et seq.) provides the general requirements and procedures for electronic filing using the Electronic Data Gather, Analysis and Retrieval (“EDGAR”) System. It further mandates that all domestic registrants, foreign private issuers and foreign governments to file their securities documents electronically with the Commission. This includes registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933 and registration statements, reports and other documents under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. To facilitate the changing filing requirements, the Commission developed certain procedures and forms that were unique to the EDGAR filing system, including Form SE to be used by EDGAR filers.

2. Purposes of, and Consequences of Not Requiring, the Information Collection

Form SE is used by registrants to file paper copies of exhibits that would be difficult or impossible to submit electronically. The information contained in Form SE is used by the Commission to identify paper copies of exhibits.

3. Use of Electronic Media

Form SE is used to implement improved information dissemination technology. The EDGAR system is designed to reduce the regulatory burdens of paper filings with the Commission.

4. Duplication

EDGAR system function is unique to the Commission; consequently, no duplication of the forms exists.

5. Effect on Small Entities

Small entities are permitted to file Form SE if they meet the requirements of filing paper copies of exhibits that would be difficult or impossible to submit electronically, but we do not expect the filing of Form SE to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. EDGAR has been designed to accommodate small entities to the greatest degree possible while still providing for the public electronic dissemination of information.

6. Consequences of Less Frequent Collection

Form SE must be used every time a registrant submits paper copies of exhibits to the Commission in order to identify them.

7. Inconsistencies with Guidelines in 5 C.F.R. 1320.6

Not applicable.

8. Consultations Outside the Agency

Form SE notice was published for public comment. No comments were received on this request during the 60 – day comment period prior to OMB’s review of this submission.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondent

Not applicable.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

Form SE is available for public review.

11. Sensitive Questions

Not applicable.

12. Estimate of Respondent Reporting Burden

We estimate that 782 registrants file Form SE and it takes an estimated 0.10 hours per response for a total annual burden of 78 hours. In addition, we estimate that 100% of the 78 annual burden hours are prepared by the company. The estimated hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

13. Estimate of Total Annualized Cost Burden

There is no outside cost associated with the preparation of Form SE.

14. Estimate Cost to the Federal Government

The cost to the government for processing Form SE is minimal because it is a one page cover sheet that identifies attached information.

15. Explanation of Changes in Burden

Not applicable

16. Information Collections Planned for Statistical Purposes

Not applicable.

17. Explanation as to Why Expiration Date Will Not Be Displayed

Not applicable.

18. Exceptions to Certification

Not applicable.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Not applicable.