

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR FORM SE

A. Justification

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

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 and Use of 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. Consideration Given to Information Technology

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 of Information

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

5. Reducing the Burden 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 Not Conducting Collection

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

7. Special Circumstances

Not applicable.

8. Consultations With Persons 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 Respondents

Not applicable.

10. Confidentiality

Form SE is available for public review.

11. Sensitive Questions

Not applicable.

12. Estimate of Respondent Reporting Burden

We estimate that 50 registrants file Form SE and it takes an estimated 0.10 hours per response for a total annual burden of 5 hours. In addition, we estimate that 100% of the 5 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. Costs 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. Reason for Change in Burden

No change in burden.

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

Not applicable.

17. Display of OMB Approval Date

We request authorization to omit the expiration date on the electronic version of this form for design and scheduling reasons. The OMB control number will be displayed.

18. Exceptions to Certification for the Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

Not applicable.

B. Statistical Methods

Not applicable.