

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR RULES 7a-15 THROUGH 7a-37
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (“TIA”) set forth requirements governing applications for exemption filed pursuant to Section 304(c) or 304(d) of the TIA, applications for qualification of indentures filed pursuant to Section 307 of the TIA, statements of eligibility and qualification of trustees filed pursuant to Section 305, 307 or 310(a) of the TIA, applications for the stay of the trustee’s duty to resign filed pursuant to Section 310(b) of the TIA, and reports filed pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 do not directly impose any information collection requirements. Rather, they set forth guidelines as to how to present information required by various TIA forms. The information required by the TIA forms is necessary to determine whether the requirements of the TIA are satisfied.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

The Commission collects information electronically through its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.

4. Duplication of Information

We are not aware of any rules that substantially duplicate, overlap, or conflict with Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37.

5. Reducing the Burden on Small Entities

Not applicable.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 are disclosure guidelines and do not directly result in any collection of information. The forms to which the rules relate (for which separate OMB submissions are made) are filed only once and fewer collections would not satisfy statutory mandates.

7. Special Circumstances

Not applicable.

8. Consultations with Persons Outside the Agency

The extension request for Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 was proposed for public comment. No public comments were received during the 60-day comment period prior to OMB's review of this submission.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not applicable.

10. Confidentiality

All documents filed with the Commission are public documents.

11. Sensitive Questions

Not applicable.

12. Estimate of Respondent Reporting Burden

Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 are assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience because the rules set forth guidelines on the presentation of information that must appear in other filings under the Trust Indenture Act.

13. Estimate of Total Annualized Cost Burden

Trust Indenture Act Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 do not directly impose any costs on respondents.

14. Costs to Federal Government

Not applicable.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

Not applicable.

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

Not applicable.

17. Approval to Omit OMB Expiration 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 Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

Not applicable.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

Not applicable.