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, 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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the notice's publication. Comments, identified by "Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission Pursuant to 17 CFR 140.735.6," should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may be also be submitted, regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, identified by "Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission Pursuant to 17 CFR 140.735.6," by any of the following methods:

Agency web site, via its Comments Online process: <u>http://comments.cftc.gov</u>.
Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the web site.

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• Mail: Send to Melissa D. Jurgens, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as Mail, above.

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: <u>http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp</u>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <u>http://www.cftc.gov</u>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures set forth in section 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, prescreen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <u>www.cftc.gov</u> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the rulemaking will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

¹ Commission regulations referred to herein are found at 17 CFR Ch. 1 (2010). Commission regulations are accessible on the Commission's website, <u>www.cftc.gov</u>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Dolan at (202) 418-5220; FAX: (202) 418-5524; email: <u>jdolan@cftc.gov</u>, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0025. This contact can also provide a copy of the ICR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission (OMB Control No. 3038-0025). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Commission Rule 140.735-6 governs the practice before the Commission of former members and employees of the Commission and is intended to ensure that the Commission is aware of any existing conflict of interest. The rule generally requires former members and employees who are employed or retained to represent any person before the Commission within two years of the termination of their CFTC employment, to file a brief written statement with the Commission's Office of General Counsel. The proposed rule was promulgated pursuant to the Commission's rulemaking authority contained in section 8a(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 12a(5) (1994), as amended.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. <u>See</u> 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The <u>Federal Register</u> notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 11, 2013 (78 FR 75333).

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Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .10 hours per response to file the brief written statement. This estimate include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 3

Estimated number of responses: 4.5

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: .10 hours

Frequency of collection: On occasion

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)

Dated: February 7, 2014

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.