

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent to Renew Collection 3038-0009, Large Trader Reports

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on large trader reports and related forms.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [60 days after publication].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,¹ identified by OMB Control No. 3038-0009 by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the web site.
- Mail: Christopher J. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail above.

¹ This notice does not solicit comment on the proposed amendments to this collection that may result from the proposal titled Position Limits for Derivatives (78 FR 75680). Comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act implications of the Position Limits for Derivatives proposal were solicited through the proposal itself, the comment period for which closed on March 30, 2015.

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

Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation.

Comments will be posted as received to www.cftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hannah Ropp, Surveillance Analyst, Division of Market Oversight; PHONE: (202) 418-5228; FAX: (202) 418-5507; EMAIL: hropp@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 C.F.R. 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

Title: Large Trader Reports (OMB Control No. 3038-0009). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The reporting rules covered by OMB control number 3038-0009 (“the Collection”) are structured to ensure that the Commission receives adequate information to carry out its market and financial surveillance programs. The market surveillance programs analyze market

information to detect and prevent market disruptions and enforce speculative position limits. The financial surveillance programs combine market information with financial data to assess the financial risks presented by large customer positions to Commission registrants and clearing organizations.

Previously, all reporting rules contained in Parts 15 through 19 and 21 of the Commission's regulations were covered by the Collection; however, a recent rulemaking action relocated several recordkeeping and reporting burdens from this collection to a new collection, OMB Control Number 3038-0103. Specifically, that rulemaking appropriated the information collection burdens associated with Commission regulations 17.01, 18.04, and 18.05. Accordingly, this renewal will update the Collection's current burden estimates and officially remove the duplicative burdens from the Collection.

The reporting rules are implemented by the Commission partly pursuant to the authority of sections 4a, 4c(b), 4g, and 4i of the Commodity Exchange Act. Section 4a of the Act permits the Commission to set, approve exchange-set, and enforce speculative position limits. Section 4c(b) of the Act gives the Commission plenary authority to regulate transactions that involve commodity options. Section 4g of the Act imposes reporting and recordkeeping obligations on registered entities and registrants (including futures commission merchants (FCMs), introducing brokers, floor brokers, or floor traders), and requires each registrant to file such reports as the Commission may require on proprietary and customer positions executed on any board of trade in the United States or elsewhere. Lastly, section 4i of the Act requires the filing of such reports as the Commission may require when positions made or obtained on designated contract markets or derivatives transaction execution facilities equal or exceed Commission-set levels.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe 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 established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.² The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> 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 ICR 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.

² 17 CFR 145.9.

Burden Statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be .26 hours per response, on average. These estimates include the time to locate the information related to the exemptions and to file necessary exemption paperwork.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Large Traders, Clearing Members, Contract Markets, and other entities affected by Commission regulations 16.00 and 17.00 as well as Parts 19 and 21.

Estimated number of respondents: 453

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 18,348 hours

Frequency of collection: Periodically

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

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

Issued by the Commission this ____ day of _____,

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,

Secretary of the Commission