

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION COLLECTION
SUBMISSION FOR REGULATION S-K

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

Regulation S-K specifies uniform disclosure requirements applicable to registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933; registration statements under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, periodic reports under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, going-private transaction and tender offer statements under Section 13 and 14 of the Exchange Act and proxy and information statements under Section 14 of the Exchange Act.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

The purpose of the information collection is to provide a uniform disclosure regulation under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. The information collected is designed to provide material information to investors and security holders to enable them to make informed investment and voting decisions.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

All of the forms and schedules that require Regulation S-K disclosure are filed electronically using the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval ("EDGAR") System.

4. Duplication of Information

The disclosure does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with other federal rules.

5. Reducing the Burden on Small Entities

Regulation S-K does not directly impose any collection requirements and has no effect on small entities in terms of information collection requirements.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

Regulation S-K does not directly impose any collection requirement.

7. Special Circumstances

Not Applicable.

8. Consultations with Persons Outside the Agency

Regulation S-K Notice was published for public comment. No comments were received on this request prior to OMB's review of this submission.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not Applicable.

10. Confidentiality

Not Applicable.

11. Sensitive Questions

No information of a sensitive nature, including social security numbers, will be required under this collection of information. The information collection does not collect personally identifiable information (PII). The agency has determined that a system of records notice (SORN) and privacy impact assessment (PIA) are not required in connection with the collection of information.

12. Estimate of Respondent Reporting Burden

Regulation S-K is assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience. The burdens are reflected in the forms containing Regulation S-K disclosure.

13. Estimate of Total Annualized Cost Burden

Not Applicable.

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 the form. Including the expiration date on the electronic version of the form will result in increased costs because the need to make changes to the form may not follow the application's scheduled version release dates. The OMB control number will be displayed.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

Not Applicable.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

Not Applicable.