

SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
FOR THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION COLLECTION  
SUBMISSION FOR FORM SF-3

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) enacted new requirements relating to asset-backed securities (“ABS”) that are designed to enhance investor protection in the ABS market. The Securities Act carries out this purpose by requiring the filing of a registration in connection with public distribution of ABS in the market by their issuers and control persons. The requirements for ABS are intended to provide investors with timely and sufficient information, reduce the likelihood of undue reliance on credit ratings, and help restore investor confidence in the representations and warranties regarding the assets. The Commission enhanced the shelf registration offering process and criteria for asset-back-securities market.

Form SF-3 is the general registration form used to register asset-backed securities because the registered process, criteria, and disclosure for ABS differ from other types of securities. The Commission uses Form SF-3 to distinguish the ABS registration system from the registration system for other securities.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

The purpose of the collections of information is to provide enhanced disclosure and transparency to investors and participants in the ABS market.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

The information in each of the collections of information discussed above is filed electronically with the Commission using Commission’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (“EDGAR”) system.

4. Duplication of Information

We are not aware of any rules that conflict with or substantially duplicate these rules.

5. Reducing the Burden on Small Entities

Form SF-3 will not impact a significant number of small entities. Rules in the Securities Act and the Exchange Act define an issuer, other than an investment company, to be a “small business” or a “small organization” if it had total assets of \$5 million or less on the last day of its most recent fiscal year. As the depositor and issuing entity are most often limited purpose entities in an ABS transaction, we focused on the sponsor in analyzing the potential impact on small entities. The Commission is unable to further simplify reporting requirements for small entities.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

The objectives of offering disclosure requirements under the Securities Act could not be met with less frequent collection of this information for asset-backed securities.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances.

8. Consultations with Persons Outside the Agency

No comments were received during the 60-day comment period prior to OMB’s review of this submission.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondent

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

10. Confidentiality

Form SF-3 is a public document.

11. Sensitive Questions

No information of a sensitive nature, including social security numbers, will be required under this collection of information. The information collection collects basic Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that may include name and job title. However, the agency has determined that the information collection does not constitute a system of record for purposes of the Privacy Act. Information is not retrieved by a personal identifier. In accordance with Section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002, the agency has conducted a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) of the EDGAR system, in connection with this collection of information. The EDGAR PIA, published on March 22, 2023, is provided as a supplemental document and is also available at <https://www.sec.gov/privacy>.

12. Estimate of Respondents Reporting Burden

**Estimated Reporting Burden**

| Information Collection Title | OMB Control Number | Number of Responses | Burden Hours |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Form SF-3                    | 3235-0690          | 71                  | 24,504       |

For purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), we estimate that Form SF-3 takes approximately 1,380.50 hours per response to comply with the collection of information requirements and that there are approximately 71 respondents. We derived our burden hour estimates by estimating the average number of hours it would take an issuer to compile the necessary information and data, prepare and review disclosure, file documents and retain records. In connection with rule amendments to the form, we occasionally receive PRA estimates from public commenters about incremental burdens that are used in our burden estimates. We believe that the actual burdens will likely vary among individual issuers based on the nature of their operations. We further estimate that 25% of the collection of information burden is carried by the issuer internally and that 75% of the burden of preparation is carried by outside professionals retained by the company. Based on our estimates, we calculated the total reporting burden to be 24,504 hours ( $(0.25 \times 1,380.50 \text{ total burden hours per response}) \times 71 \text{ responses}$ ). For administrative convenience, the presentation of the total related to the paperwork burden hours has been rounded to the nearest whole number. The estimated burden hours is made solely for the purpose of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

13. Estimate of Total Annualized Cost Burden

**Estimated Cost Burden**

| Information Collection Title | OMB Control Number | Number of Responses | Cost Burden  |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Form SF-3                    | 3235-0690          | 71                  | \$29,404,425 |

For purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), we estimate it takes approximately 1035.36707 hours per response for outside professional to comply with the collection of information requirements. We estimate it will cost \$400 per hour (\$400 per hour x 1035.36707 hours per response x 71 responses) for a total cost burden of \$29,404,425. We estimate an hourly cost of \$400 for outside legal and accounting services used in connection with public company reporting. This estimate is based on our consultations with registrants and professional firms who regularly assist registrants in preparing and filing disclosure documents with the Commission. Our estimates reflect average burdens, and therefore, some companies may experience costs in excess of our estimates and some companies may experience costs that are lower than our estimates. For administrative convenience, the presentation of the total related to the paperwork cost burden has been rounded to the nearest dollar. The cost estimate is made solely for the purpose of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

14. Cost to Federal Government

The annual cost of reviewing and processing disclosure documents, including registration statements, post-effective amendments, proxy statements, annual reports and other filings of operating companies amounted to approximately \$129,168,390 in fiscal year 2022, based on the Commission’s computation of the value of staff time devoted to this activity and related overhead.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

There is no change in burden.

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

The information collection is not planned for statistical purposes.

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

There are no exceptions to certification for Paperwork Reduction Act submissions.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

The information collection does not employ statistical methods.