

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT for the Paperwork Reduction Act Information Collection
Submission for the Market Data Infrastructure**

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This submission is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501 et seq.

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Necessity of Information Collection

The national market system for the collection, consolidation, and dissemination of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in national market system (“NMS”) stocks (“NMS information”) has been an essential element in the success of the U.S. securities markets. Congress recognized the importance of market information to the U.S. securities markets with the enactment of Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”)¹ and the Commission has adopted rules under Regulation NMS that govern the provision of market information in the national market system.²

On February 14, 2020, the Commission proposed to update and modernize the national market system for the collection, consolidation, and dissemination of NMS information by, among other things, amending Regulation NMS.³ Pursuant to the statutory authority provided

¹ Section 11A(a)(2) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(2)) directs the Commission, having due regard for the public interest, the protection of investors, and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to use its authority under the Exchange Act to facilitate the establishment of a national market system for securities in accordance with the Congressional findings and objectives set forth in Section 11A(a)(1) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)). Among the findings and objectives in Section 11A(a)(1) are that “[n]ew data processing and communications techniques create the opportunity for more efficient and effective market operations” and “[i]t is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure . . . the availability to brokers, dealers and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities” 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(B) and 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C), respectively.

² See 17 CFR 242.600, 601, 602, and 603.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-88216 (February 14, 2020), 85 FR 16726 (Mar. 24, 2020) (File No. S7-03-20) (“Proposing Release”).

by the Exchange Act,⁴ including Sections 3(b),⁵ 5,⁶ 6,⁷ 11A,⁸ and 23(a)⁹ thereof, the Commission adopted the amendments, with certain modifications, on December 9, 2020.¹⁰

The amendments contain two key elements. First, the Commission updated the content of NMS information that is required to be collected, consolidated, and disseminated as part of the national market system under Regulation NMS. Second, the Commission amended the method by which “consolidated market data,” as now defined, is collected, consolidated, and disseminated by introducing a decentralized consolidation model with competing consolidators, which replaces the centralized consolidation model that relies on exclusive securities information processors (“exclusive SIPs”).¹¹

Today, NMS information is disseminated via a centralized consolidation model, whereby the self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) provide certain NMS information for each NMS stock to an exclusive SIP. The exclusive SIP then consolidates this NMS information and makes it available to market participants.¹² Market participants also may independently consolidate

⁴ See 15 U.S.C. 78a.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78c.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78e.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78w(a).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-90610 (December 9, 2020), 86 FR 18596 (April 9, 2020) (File No. S7-03-20) (“Adopting Release”).

¹¹ An “exclusive processor” is defined in Section 3(a)(22)(B) of the Exchange Act as “any [SIP] or [SRO] which, directly or indirectly, engages on an exclusive basis on behalf of any national securities exchange or registered securities association, or any national securities exchange or registered securities association which engages on an exclusive basis on its own behalf, in collecting, processing, or preparing for distribution or publication any information with respect to (i) transactions or quotations on or effected or made by means of any facility of such exchange or (ii) quotations distributed or published by means of any electronic system operated or controlled by such association.” A securities information processor is defined in Section 3(a)(22) of the Exchange Act as “any person engaged in the business of (i) collecting, processing, or assisting, participating in, or coordinating the distribution or publication of information with respect to transactions in or quotations for any security (other than an exempted security) or (ii) distributing or publishing (whether by means of a ticker tape, a communications network, a terminal display device, or otherwise) on a current and continuing basis, information with respect to such transactions or quotations.”

¹² See Rule 603(b) of Regulation NMS. Rule 603(b) provides that all information for an individual NMS stock must be disseminated through a single plan processor. 17 CFR 242.603(b). See Rule 600(b)(59), which defines a plan processor as “any self-regulatory

NMS information by purchasing individual exchange proprietary market data products and consolidating that information for their own use, or obtain NMS information that has been consolidated by a vendor that provides a data aggregation service.

The Commission amended Regulation NMS to better achieve the goal of assuring “the availability to brokers, dealers and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities”¹³ that is prompt, accurate, reliable, and fair.¹⁴ The Commission believes that the amendments promote fair and efficient markets, facilitate the best execution of investor orders, and reduce information asymmetries between market participants who currently rely on market data provided through the exclusive SIPs and those who purchase the proprietary market data products offered by the national securities exchanges.

The amendments, as adopted, establish seven new collections of information.

1. Registration requirements and Form CC. Rule 614(a)(1)(i) requires each competing consolidator to register with the Commission by filing Form CC electronically in accordance with the instructions contained on the form. Competing consolidators will be required to file amendments to the form in accordance with the rule and file notice of its cessation of operations.
2. Competing consolidator duties and data collection. Rule 614(d)(1)-(4) requires competing consolidators to (i) collect from each SRO the information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks as provided in Rule 603(b); (ii) calculate and generate consolidated market data products; (iii) make consolidated market data products available to subscribers with the required timestamps on terms that are not unreasonably discriminatory; and (iv) timestamp the information collected from the SROs at certain specified times.
3. Competing consolidators’ public posting of Form CC. Rule 614(c) requires competing consolidators to make public on its website a direct URL hyperlink to the Commission website that contains each effective initial Form CC, as amended, order of ineffective initial Form CC, and Form CC amendments to an effective Form CC.
4. Recordkeeping. Rule 614(d)(7) requires each competing consolidator to keep and preserve at least one copy of all documents as defined in the rule for a period of

organization or securities information processor acting as an exclusive processor in connection with the development, implementation and/or operation of any facility contemplated by an effective national market system plan.” 17 CFR 242.600(b)(59).

¹³ Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii), 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

¹⁴ Section 11A(c)(1)(B), 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(c)(1)(B). Section 11A(c)(1)(B) provides the Commission with the authority to prescribe rules and regulations as necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act to “assure the prompt, accurate, reliable, and fair collection, processing, distribution, and publication of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in such securities and the fairness and usefulness of the form and content of such information.”

- no less than five years, the first two in an easily accessible place. Rule 614(d)(8) requires each competing consolidator, upon request of any representative of the Commission, to promptly furnish copies of any documents to such representative.
5. Reports and Reviews. Rule 614(d)(5) requires competing consolidators to publish on their websites certain monthly performance metrics. Rule 614(d)(6) requires competing consolidators to publish certain monthly data quality information.
 6. Amendment to the effective national market system plan(s) for NMS stocks. Rule 614(e) requires the participants to the effective national market system plan(s) for NMS stocks to submit an amendment to such plan(s) within 150 days of the effectiveness of the amendments that contain certain specified provisions.
 7. Collection and dissemination of information by national securities exchanges and national securities associations. The amendment to Rule 603(b) requires every national securities exchange on which an NMS stock is traded and the national securities association to make available to all competing consolidators and self-aggregators all information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks, including all data necessary to generate consolidated market data products, in the same manner and using the same methods, including all methods of access and using the same format as such exchange or association makes available any information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks to any person.

These collections of information are necessary to further the national market system objectives set forth in Section 11A(a)(1) of the Exchange Act. These objectives include the economically efficient execution of orders; fair competition among broker-dealers, among exchange markets, and between exchange markets and markets other than exchange markets; the availability of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities; and the practicability of brokers executing investors' orders in the best market. Without the amendments, the national market system for the collection, consolidation, and dissemination of consolidated market data will not be modernized and updated. As discussed in the Adopting Release, the current centralized consolidation model does not contain the data elements that market participants, including investors, need to trade competitively in the markets and is meaningfully slower than the proprietary data provided by the national securities exchanges.¹⁵

In December of 2022, the Commission proposed amendments to Rules 600(b)(78) and 603(b) that would require the SROs to make available all data necessary to generate odd-lot information to the exclusive SIPs.¹⁶ The Proposed Amendments would also require the primary listing exchange for each NMS stock to provide an indicator of the round lot size to the applicable exclusive SIP for dissemination and to calculate and provide to competing

¹⁵ See also Adopting Release, *supra* note 10, at 18698-702 (discussing phased transition period and compliance schedule for the amendments); Proposed Amendments, *infra* note 16, at 80295 (discussing implementation status).

¹⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96494 (Dec. 14, 2022), 87 FR 80266 (Dec. 29, 2022) ("Proposed Amendments").

consolidators, self-aggregators, and the applicable exclusive SIP an indicator of the applicable minimum pricing increment for dissemination. The Proposed Amendments have only been proposed, not adopted, and therefore do not affect the burden estimates in this supporting statement.¹⁷

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

The purpose of the information collection is to update and modernize the NMS information that is collected, consolidated, and disseminated under the rules of the national market system and the method by which such information is made available to market participants. The registration requirement under Rule 614(a)(1) and (2) and Form CC provide information to the Commission and market participants. The Commission will gather information through the Form CC to determine whether to declare ineffective an initial Form CC. The information will also be used by market participants to evaluate competing consolidators. Under Rule 614, competing consolidators are required to keep certain records, which facilitate the Commission's oversight of competing consolidators, and to publish certain monthly performance statistics, which provide transparency with respect to the services and performance of competing consolidators. Competing consolidators and self-aggregators must collect market data information from the SROs to generate consolidated market data products. The SROs will need to collect market data information that they will then have to provide to competing consolidators and self-aggregators for the purposes of generating consolidated market data products. Finally, the SROs must file an amendment to the effective national market system plan(s) to reflect the new role and functions of the plan(s). The collections of information are necessary to further the national market system objectives set forth in Exchange Act Section 11A(a)(1) and Regulation NMS. These objectives include the economically efficient execution of orders; fair competition among broker-dealers, among exchange markets, and between

¹⁷ In the Proposed Amendments, the Commission proposed to amend Rule 603(b) to require SROs to make available all data necessary to generate odd-lot information to the exclusive SIPs, which could increase the burdens under the SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination information collection. If adopted, the Commission estimates that this proposed requirement would add 11 initial burden hours and 20 annual burden hours to its previous estimates for the SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination information collection. This would result in an estimated annual burden of 23 hours per respondent and **399 hours** annually in the aggregate.

In addition, the Proposed Amendments would require the primary listing exchange for each NMS stock to provide an indicator of the round lot size to the applicable exclusive SIP for dissemination and to calculate and provide to competing consolidators, self-aggregators, and the applicable exclusive SIP an indicator of the applicable minimum pricing increment for dissemination. If adopted, this would also increase the burden estimates for the SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination information collection. Specifically, the Commission estimates that, if adopted, these proposed requirements would add 50 initial burden hours and 32 annual burden hours for each of the five primary listing exchanges. This would result in an estimated annual burden of 25 hours per respondent and **493 hours** annually in the aggregate.

exchange markets and markets other than exchange markets; the availability of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities; and the practicability of brokers executing investors' orders in the best market.

3. Consideration Given to Improved Information Technology

The amendments use information technology to lessen the burden on the respondents. Form CC will be electronically filed with the Commission and publicly posted on the Commission's and competing consolidators' websites. The amendments modernize the manner in which consolidated market data, as now defined, is collected, calculated, and disseminated to market participants by introducing competing consolidators who may compete for subscribers by utilizing the latest information technology for the collection, consolidation, and dissemination of consolidated market data products. In addition, self-aggregators will be able to use the information technology they choose to support their market data requirements. The Commission believes that the amendments will address the issues raised about the latencies that exist with the information technology that is currently used to collect, calculate, and disseminate NMS information.

4. Duplication

The amendments will not result in, or require the collection of, duplicate information that is otherwise available in a similar form. While each SRO publishes its own market data via proprietary data feeds for a fee, the proprietary data feeds do not provide the exact information in a consolidated manner as required in the amendment.

5. Effects on Small Entities

The Commission believes that the requirements under the amendments will not affect small entities.¹⁸ The amendments impose requirements on national securities exchanges and FINRA, and on entities that act as competing consolidators. With respect to the national securities exchanges, the Commission's definition of a small entity is an exchange that has been exempt from the reporting requirements of Rule 601 of Regulation NMS and that is not affiliated with any person (other than a natural person) that is not a small business or small organization.¹⁹ None of the national securities exchanges subject to the amendments fall within this definition. Similarly, FINRA does not qualify as a small entity.²⁰ The Commission believes that no competing consolidators will be small entities.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

The information required by the amendments require national securities exchanges and associations to make available to competing consolidators and self-aggregators the information

¹⁸ See Adopting Release, *supra* note 10, at Part VI.

¹⁹ See 17 CFR 240.0-10(e).

²⁰ See 13 CFR 121.201.

with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks that is necessary to generate consolidated market data. Further, competing consolidators must collect, calculate, and generate consolidated market data products and make such data available to market participants. The Commission will receive from competing consolidators information on Form CC, and competing consolidators are required to maintain records and publish performance data and other information on their websites on a monthly basis.

The Commission believes that the amendments promote fair and efficient markets, facilitate the best execution of investor orders, and reduce information asymmetries between market participants who currently rely on market data provided through the exclusive SIPs and those who purchase the proprietary market data products offered by the national securities exchanges. Without the collection of information, the goals of Section 11A of the Exchange Act and the rule's intended benefits would not be achieved. The SROs would not be required to make available to competing consolidators and self-aggregators quotation and transaction information necessary to generate consolidated market data. Further, this would prevent competing consolidators and self-aggregators from generating consolidated market data and would prevent competing consolidators from making such data available to investors and other market participants. In addition, if the information on Form CC is not collected, market participants would not be able to compare and evaluate competing consolidator services and the Commission would not be able to assess whether to declare an initial Form CC as ineffective.

7. Inconsistencies with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Competing consolidators are required to keep and preserve at least one copy of all documents, including all correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, notices, accounts, and such other records as shall be made or received by it in the course of its business as such and in the conduct of its business. Competing consolidators must keep these documents for a period of no less than five years, the first two years in an easily accessible place. This requirement is consistent with current SEC rules for SROs.²¹

There are no other special circumstances, and this collection is otherwise consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultations Outside the Agency

The required Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published. No public comments were received.

9. Payment or Gift.

No payment or gift is provided to respondents.

²¹ See, e.g., Rule 17a-1, 17 CFR 240.17a-1.

10. Confidentiality

The Form CC and amendments to the effective national market system plan(s) will not be confidential; they will be posted on the Commission’s public website. Competing consolidators will make available to subscribers consolidated market data products, which therefore will not be confidential. Competing consolidator records will be available to the Commission and other regulators. The reports and reviews of competing consolidators will be published on competing consolidator websites and will not be confidential. Finally, the exchanges and associations will make available to competing consolidators and self-aggregators quotation and transaction information. Accordingly, no assurances of confidentiality are necessary.

11. Sensitive Questions

The information collection collects basic personally identifiable information that may include name, occupation, job title, and work contact information; individuals may voluntarily provide their social security number, but it is not collected as a database element. 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. The SRTS/EFPS PIA, which is currently being updated, will cover this information collection.

12. Burden of Information Collection

As noted above, the 2020 amendments establish new collections of information. The Commission anticipates that the respondents will incur the following hour burdens.

Summary of Approximate Hourly Burdens

Name of Information Collection	Type of Burden	A Number of Entities Impacted	B Annual Responses per Entity	C Initial Burden per Entity per Response	D Initial Burden Annualized per Entity per Response C/3	E Ongoing Burden per Entity per Response	F Annual Burden per Entity per Response D+E (except as noted)	G Total Annual Burden per Entity F*B (except as noted)	H Total Industry Burden (rounded) G*A (except as noted)	Small Business Entities Affected
Form CC	Reporting	8	1	200.3	66.77	0 ²²	66.77	66.77	534	0
Form CC Amendment - Initial	Reporting	8	2	6	2	0	2	4	32	0
Form CC Amendment - Ongoing	Reporting	8	6	0	0	6.15	6.15	36.9 ²³	295 ²⁴	0
Form CC Cessation	Reporting	8	1	2	0.67	0	0.67	0.67	5	0

²² The ongoing burdens for Form CC are reflected in the following line describing Form CC amendments.

²³ 6 (# of responses per entity in each subsequent year) x 6.15 hours (ongoing burden per entity per response) = 36.9 hours.

²⁴ 36.9 hours (the annual burden per entity for each subsequent year) x 8 (# of entities impacted) = 295.2 hours.

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CC Duties and Data Collection	Third Party									
		2 (market data aggregation firms)	1	2,200	733.33	1,320	2,053.33	2,053.33	4,107	0
		1 (broker-dealer)	1	2,200	733.33	1,320	2,053.33	2,053.33	2,053	0
		2 (exclusive SIPs)	1	4,400	1,466.67	1,320	2,786.66	2,786.66	5,573	0
		2 (new entrants)	1	8,800	2,933.33	1,320	4,253.33	4,253.33	8,507	0
		1 (SRO)	1	8,800	2,933.33	1,320	4,253.33	4,253.33	4,253	0
Public Posting of Form CC - Initial	Third Party	8	1	0.5	0.167	0	0.167	0.167	1	0
Public Posting of Form CC - Ongoing	Third Party	8	6	0	0	0.25	0.25	1.5	12	0
CC Recordkeeping	Recordkeeping	8	1	40	13.33	20	33.33	33.33	267	0
CC Monthly Reports	Reporting	8	12	20.5	6.833	11	17.833	214	1,712	0
NMS Plans Amendment	Reporting	19	1	22.105 ²⁵	7.368	12.895 ²⁶	20.263	20.263	385	0
SRO Market Data	Third Party	17	1	220	73.33	396	469.33	469.33	7,979	0
Total Annual Burden									35,715	

**Summary of Approximate Monetized Hourly Burdens – Internal Cost of Compliance
(for informational purposes)**

Name of Information Collection	Type of Burden	A Number of Entities Impacted	B Annual Responses per Entity	C Initial Value per Entity per Response	D Initial Value Annualized per Entity per Response C/3	E Ongoing Value per Entity per Response	F Annual Value per Entity per Response D+E (except as noted)	G Total Annual Value per Entity F*B (except as noted)	H Total Industry Value (rounded) G*A (except as noted)	Small Business Entities Affected
Form CC	Reporting	8	1	\$93,540.10	\$31,180.03	\$0 ²⁷	\$31,180.03	\$31,180.03	\$249,440	0
Form CC Amendment - Initial	Reporting	8	2	\$2,802	\$934.00	0	\$934.00	\$1,868.00	\$14,944	0

²⁵ (420 initial burden hours per response filed jointly by respondents) / (19 respondents) = 22.105 hours per respondent.

²⁶ (245 ongoing burden hours per response filed jointly by respondents) / (19 respondents) = 12.895 hours.

²⁷ The ongoing value for Form CC are reflected in the following line describing Form CC amendments.

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Form CC Amendment - Ongoing	Reporting	8	6	0	0	\$2,872.05	\$2,872.05	\$17,232.30	\$137,858 each year thereafter	0
Form CC Cessation	Reporting	8	1	\$934	\$311.33	\$0	\$311.33	\$311.33	\$2,491	
CC Recordkeeping	Recordkeeping	8	1	\$8,720	\$2,906.67	\$4,360	\$7,266.67	\$7,266.67	\$58,133	0
CC Monthly Reports	Reporting	8	12	\$6,708.92	\$2,236.31	\$3,768.50	\$6,004.81	\$72,057.72	\$576,462	0
NMS Plans Amendment	Reporting	19	1	\$9,217.89	\$3,072.63	\$5,377.11	\$8,449.74	\$8,449.74	\$160,545	0
SRO Market Data	Third Party	17	1	\$70,865	\$23,621.67	\$128,064	\$151,685.67	\$151,685.67	\$2,578,656	0

Registration Requirements and Form CC

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may register as competing consolidators. Each SIP that wishes to register as a competing consolidator must file a Form CC to register with the Commission. Thereafter, each competing consolidator must file an annual report and an amendment, if necessary.

The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an initial, one-time reporting burden of 200.3 hours to complete the initial Form CC with the information required, including all exhibits and file the Form CC with the Commission (including 0.3 hours to access the Commission's Electronic Form Filing System). **This would result** in an estimated annual burden of 66.77 hours per respondent, and **534 hours in the aggregate**.²⁸ Competing consolidators will have to submit amendments to Form CC when necessary, including Annual Reports correcting information that has become inaccurate or incomplete, and Material Amendments that must be filed prior to any material change in the pricing, connectivity, or products offered. The Commission estimates that, during the first year, a competing consolidator will incur an initial reporting burden per response (annualized) of 6 hours to complete and file such materials. In each year thereafter, the Commission estimates that a competing consolidator will incur an ongoing annual burden of approximately 6 hours per response. **This would result in estimated annual burdens per respondent of 4 hours²⁹ during the first year and 36.9**

²⁸ 66.77 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year approval period) x 8 respondents = 534.16 hours (rounded down to 534).

²⁹ 2 (# of responses per entity during the first year) x 2 hours (initial burden annualized per entity per response) = 4 hours.

hours each year thereafter.³⁰ Correspondingly, the aggregate industry burdens would be 32 hours during the first year³¹ and 295 hours each year thereafter.³² When a competing consolidator ceases operation, it must prepare and file a cessation form on Form CC. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator would incur an initial one-time reporting burden of 2 hours to prepare and file the cessation form. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 0.67 hours per respondent, and 5 hours annually in the aggregate.³³**

The Commission estimates an initial internal cost of compliance of \$93,540.10 for internal legal costs related to the registration as competing consolidators. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the hour burden of \$31,180.03 per respondent.³⁴ This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the hour burden for the industry of \$249,440.³⁵ When a competing consolidator is required to amend its Form CC, it will have to file such amendment with the Commission. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for each respondent of \$934 per response during the first year and \$2,872.05 per response each year thereafter. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance of \$1,868 per respondent in the first year and \$17,232 per respondent each year thereafter.³⁶ This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the industry of \$14,944 during the first year and \$137,858 each year thereafter.³⁷ When a competing consolidator ceases operation, it must file a cessation form. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator would incur an initial internal cost of compliance of \$934 for internal legal costs related to filing the cessation form. This would result in an

³⁰ 6 (# of responses per entity in each subsequent year) \times 6.15 hours (ongoing burden per entity per response) = 36.9 hours.

³¹ 4 hours (the annual burden per entity for the first year) \times 8 (# of entities impacted) = 32 hours.

³² 36.9 hours (the annual burden per entity for each subsequent year) \times 8 (# of entities impacted) = 295.2 hours (rounded down to 295).

³³ 0.67 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 0 (no ongoing burden) = 0.67 hours. $0.67 \times 8 = 5.36$ rounded down to 5 .

³⁴ $\$31,180.03$ (initial, one-time value, annualized over the three-year period) + $\$0$ (ongoing value) = $\$31,180.03$.

³⁵ $\$249,440.27$ rounded down to $\$249,440$.

³⁶ 2 (# of responses per entity during the first year) \times $\$934$ (initial cost annualized per entity per response) = $\$1,868$; 6 (# of responses per entity each year after the first year) \times $\$2,872.05$ (ongoing cost per entity per response) = $\$17,232.30$.

³⁷ $\$1,868$ (total annual cost per entity in the first year) \times 8 (# of entities impacted) = $\$14,944$ (total industry costs during the first year); $\$17,232.30$ (total annual cost per entity in each year after the first year) \times 8 (# of entities impacted) = $\$137,858.40$ (total industry costs in each year after the first year) (rounded down to $\$137,858$).

estimated annual internal cost of compliance of \$311.33 per respondent, and \$2,491 annually in the aggregate.³⁸

Competing Consolidator Duties and Data Collection

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each entity must collect from the SROs quotation and transaction information for NMS stocks, calculate and generate consolidated market data products, and make available to subscribers consolidated market data products.

The Commission expects different entities to act as competing consolidators: two market data aggregation firms, one broker-dealer that currently aggregates market data for internal uses, two entities that currently operate as exclusive SIPs, two new entrants, and one SRO. The Commission has estimated the burdens for different types of entities based on the anticipated changes to their systems necessary to collect SRO quotation and transaction information, calculate and generate consolidated market data products, and make available consolidated market data products to subscribers.

The Commission estimates that each market data aggregation firm will incur an initial, one-time burden of 2,200 hours to modify its systems in order to operate as a competing consolidator. The Commission further estimates that each market data aggregation firm will incur an ongoing burden of 1,320 hours to maintain its systems. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 2,053.33 hours per respondent and 4,107 hours annually in the aggregate.**³⁹

The Commission estimates that a broker-dealer will incur an initial, one-time burden of 2,200 hours to modify its systems in order to act as a competing consolidator. The Commission further estimates that the broker-dealer will incur an ongoing burden of 1,320 hours to maintain its systems. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 2,053.33 hours per respondent⁴⁰ and 2,053 hours in the aggregate.**⁴¹

The Commission estimates that each exclusive SIP will incur an initial, one-time burden of 4,400 hours to modify its systems in order to act as a competing consolidator. The Commission further estimates that each exclusive SIP will incur an ongoing burden of 1,320

³⁸ \$2,490.64 rounded up to \$2,491.

³⁹ 733.33 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 1,320 (ongoing burden) = 2,053.33 hours. 4,106.66 hours rounded up to 4,107.

⁴⁰ 733.33 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 1,320 (ongoing burden) = 2,053.33 hours.

⁴¹ 2,053.33 hours rounded down to 2,053.

hours to maintain its systems. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 2,786.66 hours per respondent⁴² and 5,573 hours annually in the aggregate.⁴³**

The Commission estimates that each new entrant will incur an initial, one-time burden of 8,800 hours to build systems in order to act as a competing consolidator. The Commission further estimates that each new entrant will incur an ongoing burden of 1,320 hours to maintain its systems. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 4,253.33 hours per respondent⁴⁴ and 8,507 hours annually in the aggregate.⁴⁵**

The Commission estimates that each SRO will incur an initial, one-time burden of 8,800 hours to build systems in order to act as a competing consolidator. The Commission further estimates that each SRO will incur an ongoing burden of 1,320 hours to maintain its systems. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 4,253.33 hours per respondent⁴⁶ and 4,253 hours annually in the aggregate.⁴⁷**

Competing Consolidators Public Posting of Form CC

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may register as competing consolidators. Each entity must make public on its website a direct URL hyperlink to the Commission's website that contains each effective initial Form CC, order of ineffective initial Form CC, and amendments to effective Form CCs. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an initial, one-time burden of 0.5 hours to publicly post the URL hyperlink and ensure the link is correct; when annualized, this results in an annual burden of **1 hour**.⁴⁸ The Commission further estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an ongoing burden of 1.5 hours⁴⁹ annually to maintain the link. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 1.5 hours per respondent for**

⁴² 1,466.67 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 1,320 (ongoing burden) = 2,786.67 hours.

⁴³ 5,573.33 hours rounded down to 5,573.

⁴⁴ 2,933.33 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 1,320 (ongoing burden) = 4,253.33 hours.

⁴⁵ 8,506.66 hours rounded up to 8,507.

⁴⁶ 2,933.33 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 1,320 (ongoing burden) = 4,253.33 hours.

⁴⁷ 4,253.33 hours rounded down to 4,253.

⁴⁸ 1.336 hours rounded down to 1.

⁴⁹ 0.25 (ongoing burden per response per year) * 6 (ongoing responses per respondent per year) = 1.5 hours per respondent per year

the initial public posting of the Form CC⁵⁰ and 12 hours annually per respondent to maintain the link.⁵¹

Competing Consolidators Recordkeeping

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each entity must keep and preserve at least one copy of all documents made or received by it in the course of its business and in the conduct of its business. These documents must be kept for a period of no less than five years, the first two years in an easily accessible place. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an initial, one-time burden of 40 hours to comply with the recordkeeping requirements. The Commission further estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an ongoing burden of 20 hours to maintain the recordkeeping. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 33.33 hours per respondent⁵² and 267 hours annually in the aggregate.⁵³**

The Commission estimates an initial internal cost of compliance of \$8,720 and an ongoing internal cost of compliance of \$4,360 per year, for internal legal costs related to recordkeeping. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the hour burden of \$7,266.67 per respondent.⁵⁴ The Commission estimates that there will be 8 competing consolidator respondents. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance of the hour burden for the industry of \$58,133.⁵⁵

Competing Consolidators Monthly Reports and Reviews

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each entity must produce monthly reports. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an initial burden of 246 hours to produce the monthly reports and post them publicly.⁵⁶ Accordingly, the estimated initial burden per respondent, per response is 20.5 hours.⁵⁷ The Commission further

⁵⁰ 0.167 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) x 8 (respondents) = 1.336 hours.

⁵¹ 1.5 (hours per respondent per year) * 8 (respondents) = 12 hours.

⁵² 13.33 (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 20 (ongoing burden) = 33.33 hours.

⁵³ 266.64 hours rounded up to 267.

⁵⁴ $\$2,906.67$ (initial, one-time value, annualized over a three-year period) + $\$4,360$ (ongoing value) = $\$7,266.67$.

⁵⁵ $\$58,133.36$ rounded down to $\$58,133$.

⁵⁶ See Adopting Release, supra note 10, 86 FR at 18718.

⁵⁷ 246 hours (initial burden per respondent per year) / 12 (months per year) = 20.5 hours (initial burden per respondent, per response).

estimates that each competing consolidator will incur an ongoing burden of 132 hours to produce and post the monthly reports.⁵⁸ **This would result in an estimated annual burdens of approximately 214 hours per respondent and approximately 1,712 hours for all respondents.**⁵⁹

The Commission estimates an initial annual internal cost of compliance per respondent will be \$80,507, and the total initial annual internal cost of compliance for all respondents will be \$644,056.⁶⁰ Accordingly, the Commission estimates that the initial internal cost of compliance per respondent, per response will be approximately \$6,708.92,⁶¹ and that the ongoing annual internal cost of compliance per respondent will be \$45,222, and the total ongoing internal cost of compliance for all respondents will be \$361,776.⁶² Accordingly, the Commission estimates that the annual ongoing internal cost of compliance per respondent, per response will be approximately \$3,768.50.⁶³ This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance of \$6,004.81 per respondent.⁶⁴ The Commission estimates that there will be 8 competing consolidator respondents. This would result in an estimated annual total internal cost of compliance per respondent of \$72,057.72 and a total internal cost of compliance to the industry of \$576,462.⁶⁵

⁵⁸ The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator would incur an average burden of 11 hours to prepare and make publicly available a monthly report in the format required by Rules 614(d)(5) and (d)(6). See Adopting Release, supra note 10, 86 FR at 18719. 11 hours (ongoing burden per respondent for each monthly report) x 12 months = 132 hours (ongoing burden per respondent, per year).

⁵⁹ 6.833 hours (initial burden annualized over a three-year period per entity, per response) + 11 hours (ongoing burden per entity, per response) = 17.833 hours (annual burden per respondent, per response). 17.833 hours (annual burden per respondent, per response) x 12 (# of responses per year) = 213.996 hours (total annual burden per respondent). 8 (# of respondents) x 213.966 hours (total annual burden per respondent) = 1,711.968 hours rounded up to 1,712 hours (total burden of all respondents).

⁶⁰ See Adopting Release, supra note 10, 86 FR at 18718.

⁶¹ \$80,507 (total initial annual value per respondent) / 12 (# of responses per year) = \$6,708.92 (initial annual value per respondent, per response). Correspondingly, the Commission estimates that the initial annual value per entity, per response, annualized over a three-year period is \$2,236.31.

⁶² See Adopting Release, supra note 10, at 18719.

⁶³ \$45,222 (ongoing annual value per respondent) / 12 (# of responses per year) = \$3,768.50 (annual ongoing value per respondent, per response).

⁶⁴ \$2,236.31 (initial value per respondent, per response, annualized over a three-year period) + \$3,768.50 (ongoing value per respondent, per response) = \$6,004.81 (annual value per entity, per response).

⁶⁵ \$6,004.81 (annual value per respondent, per response) x 12 (# of responses per year) = \$72,057.72; \$72,057.72 (total annual value per respondent) x 8 (# of respondents) = \$576,461.76 (total value of all respondents) (rounded up to \$576,462).

NMS Plans Amendment

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 18 national securities exchanges and the single national securities association who are participants in the effective national market system plan(s) for NMS stocks. The respondents must amend the current effective national market system plans to reflect the decentralized consolidation model for disseminating consolidated market data products as well as make technology changes to collect and provide timestamps. The Commission estimates that the participants collectively will incur an initial, one-time reporting burden of 420 hours of legal and compliance time to prepare, amend, and file the NMS plans. The Commission further estimates that the participants collectively will incur an ongoing burden of 245 hours related to the NMS amendment (for maintaining the required timestamps, conducting assessments of competing consolidators, preparing an annual report, maintaining the list of the primary listing exchange for each NMS stock, and calculating gross revenues). **Because the Commission expects the 19 SRO respondents to collectively file one response, this would result in an estimated annual burden of 20.263 hours per respondent⁶⁶ and 385 hours annually in the aggregate.⁶⁷**

The Commission estimates an initial monetized value of \$9,217.89 and an ongoing internal cost of compliance of \$5,377.11 per year, for internal legal costs related to preparing the NMS plan amendment. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the hour burden of \$8,449.74 per respondent.⁶⁸ Because the Commission expects the SRO respondents to collectively file one response, this would result in an annual internal cost of compliance of the hour burden for the industry of \$160,545.

SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination

The respondents to this collection of information will be the 16 national securities exchanges on which NMS stocks are traded and the single national securities association. Each of these SROs must make available to all competing consolidators and self-aggregators all information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks, including all data necessary to generate consolidated market data, in the same manner and using the same methods, including all methods of access and the same format, as such SRO makes available any information with respect to quotations for and transactions in NMS stocks to any person.

The Commission estimates that each of these SROs will incur an initial, one-time reporting burden of 220 hours of legal, compliance, information technology, and business operations personnel time to prepare and modify systems to generate and make available the market data. The Commission further estimates that each SRO will incur an ongoing reporting

⁶⁶ 7.368 (initial one-time burden, annualized over a three-year period) + 12.895 (ongoing burden) = 20.263 hours.

⁶⁷ 384.997 hours rounded up to 385.

⁶⁸ \$3,072.63 (initial, one-time value, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,377.11 (ongoing value) = \$8,449.74.

burden of 396 hours to collect the information necessary to generate consolidated market data. **This would result in an estimated annual burden of 469.33 hours per respondent⁶⁹ and 7,979 hours annually in the aggregate.⁷⁰**

The Commission estimates an initial internal cost of compliance of \$70,865 and an ongoing internal cost of compliance of \$128,064 per year, for internal legal and programming costs related to collecting and disseminating market data. This would result in an estimated annual internal cost of compliance for the hour burden of \$151,685.67 per respondent⁷¹ and an estimated annual internal cost of compliance of the hour burden for the industry of \$2,578,656.⁷²

13. Costs to Respondents

The Commission believes that respondents will incur costs in connection with the 2020 amendments. The Commission anticipates that the respondents will incur the following initial and annual cost burdens.

Summary of Dollar Costs

Name of Information Collection	Type of Burden	A Number of Entities Impacted	B Annual Responses per Entity	C Initial Cost per Entity per Response	D Initial Cost Annualized per Entity per Response C/3	E Ongoing Cost per Entity per Response	F Annual Cost per Entity per Response D+E (except as noted)	G Total Annual Cost per Entity F*B (except as noted)	H Total Industry Cost (rounded) G*A (except as noted)	Small Business Entities Affected
Form CC	Reporting	8	1	\$50	\$16.67	\$25	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$333	0
Form CC Amendment - Initial	Reporting	8	2	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Form CC Amendment - Ongoing	Reporting	8	6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Form CC Cessation	Reporting	8	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
CC Duties and Data Collection	Third Party									
		2 (market data aggregation firms)	1	\$826,750	\$275,583.33	\$5,141,895	\$5,417,478.33	\$5,417,478.33	\$10,834,957	0
		1 (broker-dealer)	1	\$826,750	\$275,583.33	\$5,141,895	\$5,417,478.33	\$5,417,478.33	\$5,417,478	0
		2 (SIPs)	1	\$1,445,500	\$481,833.33	\$5,141,895	\$5,623,728.33	\$5,623,728.33	\$11,247,457	0
		2 (new entrants)	1	\$2,683,000	\$894,333.33	\$5,141,895	\$6,036,228.33	\$6,036,228.33	\$12,072,457	0
		1 (SRO)	1	\$2,683,000	\$894,333.33	\$5,141,895	\$6,036,228.33	\$6,036,228.33	\$6,036,228	0
Public Posting of Form CC - Initial	Third Party	8	1	0	0		\$0	\$0	\$0	0

⁶⁹ 73.33 hours (initial one-time burden, annualized over the three-year period) + 396 hours (ongoing burden) = 469.33 hours.

⁷⁰ 7,978.61 hours rounded up to 7,979.

⁷¹ (\$23,621.67 initial, one-time value, annualized over the three-year period) + (\$128,064 ongoing value) = \$151,685.67.

⁷² \$2,578,656.39 rounded down to \$2,578,656.

Name of Information Collection	Type of Burden	A Number of Entities Impacted	B Annual Responses per Entity	C Initial Cost per Entity per Response	D Initial Cost Annualized per Entity per Response C/3	E Ongoing Cost per Entity per Response	F Annual Cost per Entity per Response D+E (except as noted)	G Total Annual Cost per Entity F*B (except as noted)	H Total Industry Cost (rounded) G*A (except as noted)	Small Business Entities Affected
Public Posting of Form CC - Ongoing	Third Party	8	6			0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
CC Recordkeeping	Recordkeeping	8	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
CC Monthly Reports	Reporting	8	1	\$800	\$266.67	0	\$266.67 ⁷³	\$266.67	\$2,133	0
NMS Plans Amendment	Reporting	19	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
SRO Market Data	Third Party	17	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Total Annual Costs									\$45,611,043	

Registration Requirements and Form CC

As noted above, the respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each competing consolidator will register with the Commission by filing and digitally signing Form CC through the EFFS system. The Commission estimates an initial external cost of \$50 to obtain digital IDs to sign Form CC and ongoing external costs of \$25 per year for the same. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$41.67⁷⁴ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of **\$333**.⁷⁵

Competing Consolidator Duties and Data Collection

As noted above, the respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each entity must collect from the SROs quotation and transaction information for NMS stocks, calculate and generate consolidated market data products, and make available such products to subscribers.

The Commission expects different entities to register as competing consolidators: two market data aggregation firms, one broker-dealer, two entities that currently operate as exclusive SIPs, two new entrants, and one SRO. The Commission has estimated the burdens for different types of entities based on the anticipated changes to their systems necessary to collect SRO quotation and transaction information, calculate and generate consolidated market data products, and make available such products to subscribers.

⁷³ The hour burden for this information collection has twelve responses per year per respondent, but the cost burden has only one response per year per respondent. Accordingly, for purposes of the ROCIS entry, we divided the annual cost per entity by 12 ($\$266.67/12 = \22.2225) so it could be included in the same worksheet as the hour burden.

⁷⁴ $\$16.67$ (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + $\$25$ (ongoing cost) = $\$41.67$.

⁷⁵ $\$333.36$ rounded down to $\$333$.

The Commission estimates an initial cost of \$826,750 and an ongoing cost of \$5,141,895 per year for market data aggregation firms that act as competing consolidators, for internal programming, legal, and external fees related to collect, consolidate, and aggregate market data. **This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$5,417,478.33 per respondent⁷⁶ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$10,834,957.⁷⁷**

The Commission estimates an initial cost of \$826,750 and an ongoing cost of \$5,141,895 per year for broker-dealer firms that act as competing consolidators, for internal programming, legal, and external fees related to collect, consolidate, and aggregate market data. **This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$5,417,478.33 per respondent⁷⁸ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$5,417,478.⁷⁹**

The Commission estimates an initial cost of \$1,445,500 and an ongoing cost of \$5,141,895 per year for exclusive SIPs that act as competing consolidators, for internal programming, legal, and external fees related to collect, consolidate, and aggregate market data. **This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$5,623,728.33 per respondent⁸⁰ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$11,247,457.⁸¹**

The Commission estimates an initial cost of \$2,683,000 and an ongoing cost of \$5,141,895 per year for new entrants that act as competing consolidators, for internal programming, legal, and external fees related to collect, consolidate, and aggregate market data. **This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$6,036,228.33 per respondent⁸² and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$12,072,457.⁸³**

The Commission estimates an initial cost of \$2,683,000 and an ongoing cost of \$5,141,895 per year for the SRO that acts as a competing consolidator, for internal programming, legal, and external fees related to collect, consolidate, and aggregate market data. **This would**

⁷⁶ \$275,583.33 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,141,895 (ongoing cost) = \$5,417,478.33.

⁷⁷ \$10,834,956.66 rounded up to \$10,834,957.

⁷⁸ \$275,583.33 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,141,895 (ongoing cost) = \$5,417,478.33.

⁷⁹ \$5,417,478.33 rounded down to \$5,417,478.

⁸⁰ \$481,833.33 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,141,895 (ongoing cost) = \$5,623,728.33.

⁸¹ \$11,247,456.66 rounded up to \$11,247,457.

⁸² \$894,333.33 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,141,895 (ongoing cost) = \$6,036,228.33.

⁸³ \$12,072,456.66 rounded up to \$12,072,457.

result in an estimated annual cost of \$6,036,228.33 per respondent⁸⁴ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$6,036,228.⁸⁵

Competing Consolidators Monthly Reports and Reviews

As noted above, the respondents to this collection of information will be the 8 entities that the Commission estimates may act as competing consolidators. Each entity must produce monthly reports and maintain them on a website. The Commission estimates an initial external cost of \$800 for an external website developer to create the website and no ongoing external costs. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$266.67⁸⁶ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$2,133.⁸⁷

14. Cost to Federal Government

The Commission estimates it will cost the federal government \$630,927 in order to build out the current Form CC in the EFFF/SRTS system, which is \$210,309 per year over three years.

15. Changes in Burden

The estimated hour burden remains unchanged because the amendments adopted on December 9, 2020, have not yet come into effect. The estimated cost burden, however, has changed from \$49,389,373 to \$45,611,043, in order to remove certain previously inadvertently monetized items totaling \$3,778,330.

<i>Cost reductions to remove monetized cost burdens</i>				
Name of Information Collection	Annual Industry Burden/Cost (rounded)	Annual Industry Burden/Cost Previously Estimated (rounded)	Increase (Decrease) in Burden/Cost (rounded)	Reason for Change
CC Recordkeeping	0	\$58,133	(\$58,133)	Removing monetized cost burden
NMS Plans Amendment	0	\$160,545	(\$160,545)	Removing monetized cost burden
SRO Market Data	0	\$2,578,656	(\$2,578,656)	Removing monetized cost burden
Form CC	\$333	\$249,574	(\$249,241)	Removing monetized cost burden

⁸⁴ \$894,333.33 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,141,895 (ongoing cost) = \$6,036,228.33.

⁸⁵ \$6,036,228.33 rounded down to \$6,036,228.

⁸⁶ \$266.67 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + 0 (ongoing cost) = \$266.67.

⁸⁷ \$2,133.36 rounded down to \$2,133.

Form CC Amendment--Initial	0	\$14,944	(\$14,944)	Removing monetized cost burden
Form CC Amendment--Ongoing	0	\$137,858	(\$137,858)	Removing monetized cost burden
Form CC Cessation	0	\$2,491	(\$2,491)	Removing monetized cost burden
CC Monthly Reports	\$2,133	\$578,595	(\$576,462)	Removing monetized cost burden
Total			(\$3,778,330)	

Competing Consolidators Recordkeeping

With respect to costs to respondents for Competing Consolidators Recordkeeping, the Commission initially estimated an initial cost of \$8,720 and an ongoing cost of \$4,360 per year, for internal legal costs related to recordkeeping. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$7,266.67 per respondent.⁸⁸ The Commission estimates that there will be 8 competing consolidator respondents. This would result in an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$58,133.⁸⁹

The Commission is reducing this estimate to zero as it is a monetized estimate of burden hours.

NMS Plans Amendment

With respect to costs to respondents for the NMS Plans Amendment, the Commission initially estimated an initial cost of \$9,217.89 and an ongoing cost of \$5,377 per year, for internal legal costs related to preparing an NMS Plan amendment. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$8,449.74 per respondent⁹⁰ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$160,545.

The Commission is reducing this estimate to zero as it is a monetized estimate of burden hours.

SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination

With respect to costs to respondents for SRO Market Data Collection and Dissemination, the Commission initially estimated an initial cost of \$70,865 and ongoing cost of \$128,064 per year, for internal legal and programming costs related to collecting and disseminating market

⁸⁸ \$2,906.67 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over a three-year period) + \$4,360 (ongoing cost) = \$7,266.67.

⁸⁹ \$58,133.36 rounded down to \$58,133.

⁹⁰ \$3,072.63 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$5,377.11 (ongoing cost) = \$8,449.74.

data. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$151,685.67 per respondent.⁹¹ The Commission estimates that there will be 17 SRO respondents. This would result in an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$2,578,656.⁹²

The Commission is reducing this estimate to zero as it is a monetized estimate of burden hours.

Registration Requirements and Form CC

With respect to costs to respondents for Registration Requirements and Form CC, the Commission initially estimated an initial cost of \$93,590.10⁹³ for internal legal costs related to the registration as competing consolidators. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$31,196.70 per respondent.⁹⁴ The Commission estimates that there will be 8 competing consolidator respondents. This would result in an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$249,574.⁹⁵ When a competing consolidator is required to amend its Form CC, it will have to file such amendment with the Commission. This would result in an estimated annual monetized value for each respondent of \$934 per response during the first year and \$2,872.05 per response each year thereafter. This would result in an estimated annual monetized value of \$1,868 per respondent in the first year and \$17,232 per respondent each year thereafter.⁹⁶ This would result in an estimated annual monetized value for the industry of \$14,944 during the first year and \$137,858 each year thereafter.⁹⁷ When a competing consolidator ceases operation, it must file a cessation form. The Commission estimates that each competing consolidator would incur an initial monetized value of \$934 for internal legal costs related to filing the cessation form. This would result in an estimated annual monetized value of \$311.33 per respondent, and \$2,491 annually in the aggregate.⁹⁸

⁹¹ $(\$23,621.67 \text{ initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period}) + (\$128,064 \text{ ongoing cost}) = \$151,685.67.$

⁹² \$2,578,656.39 rounded down to \$2,578,656.

⁹³ This number represents each respondent's initial one-time burden of \$93,540.10 + \$50 to access EDFS.

⁹⁴ $\$31,196.70 \text{ (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period)} + \$0 \text{ (ongoing cost)} = \$31,196.70.$

⁹⁵ \$249,573.60 rounded up to \$249,574.

⁹⁶ $2 \text{ (# of responses per entity during the first year)} \times \$934 \text{ (initial cost annualized per entity per response)} = \$1,868; 6 \text{ (# of responses per entity each year after the first year)} \times \$2,872.05 \text{ (ongoing cost per entity per response)} = \$17,232.30.$

⁹⁷ $\$1,868 \text{ (total annual cost per entity in the first year)} \times 8 \text{ (# of entities impacted)} = \$14,944 \text{ (total industry costs during the first year); } \$17,232.30 \text{ (total annual cost per entity in each year after the first year)} \times 8 \text{ (# of entities impacted)} = \$137,858.40 \text{ (total industry costs in each year after the first year) (rounded down to } \$137,858).$

⁹⁸ \$2,490.64 rounded up to \$2,491.

The Commission is reducing these estimates to remove monetized estimates of burden hours. As discussed above, the only remaining external costs related to this information collection are an initial external cost of \$50 to obtain digital IDs to sign Form CC and ongoing external costs of \$25 per year for the same. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$41.67⁹⁹ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$333.¹⁰⁰

Competing Consolidators Monthly Reports and Reviews

With respect to costs to respondents for Competing Consolidators Monthly Reports and Reviews the Commission initially estimated an initial annual cost per respondent of \$81,307, and total initial annual costs for all respondents of \$650,456.¹⁰¹ Accordingly, the Commission estimated an initial cost per respondent, per response of approximately \$6,775.58,¹⁰² and an ongoing annual cost per respondent of \$45,222, and total ongoing costs for all respondents of \$361,776.¹⁰³ Accordingly, the Commission estimated an annual ongoing cost per respondent, per response of approximately \$3,768.50.¹⁰⁴ This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$6,027.03 per respondent.¹⁰⁵ The Commission estimated that there will be 8 competing consolidator respondents. This would result in an estimated annual total cost per respondent of \$72,324.36 and a total cost to the industry of \$578,595.¹⁰⁶

The Commission is reducing these estimates to remove monetized estimates of burden hours. As discussed above, the only remaining external costs related to this information collection are an initial external cost of \$800 for an external website developer to create the

⁹⁹ \$16.67 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + \$25 (ongoing cost) = \$41.67.

¹⁰⁰ \$333.36 rounded down to \$333.

¹⁰¹ See Adopting Release, supra note 10, 86 FR at 18718 (\$80,507 total initial costs + \$800 in external costs = \$81,307; \$644,056, total cost of all respondents + \$6,400 in external costs = \$650,456).

¹⁰² \$81,307 (total initial annual cost for per respondent) / 12 (# of responses per year) = \$6,775.58 (initial annual cost per respondent, per response). Correspondingly, the Commission estimates that the initial annual cost per entity, per response, annualized over a three-year period is \$2,258.53.

¹⁰³ See id. at 18719.

¹⁰⁴ \$45,222 (ongoing annual cost per respondent) / 12 (# of responses per year) = \$3,768.50 (annual ongoing cost per respondent, per response).

¹⁰⁵ \$2,258.53 (initial cost per respondent, per response, annualized over a three-year period) + \$3,768.50 (ongoing cost per respondent, per response) = \$6,027.03 (annual cost per entity, per response).

¹⁰⁶ \$6,027.03 (annual costs per respondent, per response) x 12 (# of responses per year) = \$72,324.36; \$72,324.36 (total annual cost per respondent) x 8 (# of respondents) = \$578,594.88 (total costs of all respondents) (rounded up to \$578,595).

website where the reports are posted and maintained. This would result in an estimated annual cost of \$266.67¹⁰⁷ and an estimated annual cost for the industry of \$2,133.¹⁰⁸

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

Not applicable. The information collection is not used for statistical purposes.

17. OMB Expiration Date Display Approval

The Commission is requesting authorization to omit the expiration date on the electronic version of the Form CC, although the OMB control number will be displayed. Including the expiration date on the electronic version of this 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.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

This collection complies with the requirements in 5 CFR 1320.9.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not involve statistical methods.

¹⁰⁷ \$266.67 (initial, one-time cost, annualized over the three-year period) + 0 (ongoing cost) = \$266.67.

¹⁰⁸ \$2,133.36 rounded down to \$2,133.