

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

For the Paperwork Reduction Act Information Collection Submission for Rule 30a-1 (17 CFR 270.30a-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Necessity of Information Collection

The Commission is seeking to reinstate the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”) information collection request for rule 30a-1 (17 CFR 270.30a-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940¹ under OMB control number 3235-0219 for the purpose of discontinuing this information collection. The last Commission request for OMB approval under this control number was submitted in May of 2000. Rule 30a-1 is an active rule, but it has been amended since the last PRA submission in 2000. The current rule requires investment companies and unit investment trusts to file an annual report on Form N-CEN at least every twelve months. The burden associated with the information request outlined within rule 30a-1 is contained within the information collection request for Form N-CEN under OMB control number 3235-0729. Thus, there has been no lapse in reporting the burden associated with rule 30a-1. Since the burden is being reported under an alternative ICR, the Commission is seeking to reinstate the rule 30a-1 ICR under control number 3235-0729 in order to have it properly discontinued. Moving forward, the Commission will reference rule 30a-1 within the ICR for Form N-CEN.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

Not applicable.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

Not applicable.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*

4. Duplication

Not applicable.

5. Effect on Small Entities

Not applicable.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

Not applicable.

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

This collection is not inconsistent with 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation 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 to respondents was provided.

10. Confidentiality

No assurance of confidentiality was provided.

11. Sensitive Questions

No information of a sensitive nature, including social security numbers, will be required under this collection of information.

12. Burden of Information Collection

Not applicable.

13. Cost to Respondents

Not applicable.

14. Costs to Federal Government

Not applicable.

15. Changes in Burden

Not applicable.

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

Not applicable.

17. Approval to Omit OMB Expiration Date

Not applicable.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

The Commission is not seeking an exception to the certification statement.

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Not applicable.