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Extension: Rule 6a-4, Form 1-N

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 6a-4 and Form 1-N, as discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulation citation to this collection of information is 17 CFR 240.6a-4 and 17 CFR 249.10 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) (the “Act”).

Section 6 of the Act¹ sets out a framework for the registration and regulation of national securities exchanges. Under the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, a futures market may trade security futures products by registering as a national securities exchange. Rule 6a-4² sets forth these registration procedures and directs futures markets to submit a notice registration on Form 1-N.³ Form 1-N calls for information regarding how the futures market operates, its rules and procedures, corporate governance, its criteria for membership, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

² 17 CFR 240.6a-4.

³ 17 CFR 249.10.

security futures products it intends to trade. Rule 6a-4 also requires entities that have submitted an initial Form 1-N to file: (1) amendments to Form 1-N in the event of material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (2) periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1-N; (3) certain information that is provided to the futures market's members; and (4) a monthly report summarizing the futures market's trading of security futures products. The information required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 6a-4 is designed to enable the Commission to carry out its statutorily mandated oversight functions and to ensure that registered and exempt exchanges continue to be in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are futures markets.

The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for all respondents to provide ad hoc amendments⁴ to keep the Form 1-N accurate and up to date as required under Rule 6a-4 would be 45 hours (15 hours/respondent per year x 3 respondents⁵) and \$300 of miscellaneous clerical expenses. The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for all respondents to provide annual and three-year amendments⁶ under Rule 6a-4 would be 88 hours (22 hours/respondent per year x 4 respondents) and \$576 (\$144 per year x 4 respondents⁷). The Commission estimates that the total annual burden for the filing of the supplemental information⁸ and the monthly reports required under Rule 6a-4

⁴ 17 C.F.R. 240.6a-4(b)(1).

⁵ Based on prior data, the Commission estimates that the three exchanges will file amendments with the Commission in order to keep their Form 1-N current.

⁶ 17 C.F.R. 240.6a-4(b)(3) and (4).

⁷ The Commission notes that while there are currently five Security Futures Product Exchanges, one of those exchanges, NQLX, is dormant. Thus, a total of four exchanges are active and required to submit mandatory amendments pursuant to Rule 6a-4.

⁸ 17 C.F.R. 240.6a-4(c)

would be 50 hours (12.5 hours/respondent per year x 4 respondents⁹) and \$500 of miscellaneous clerical expenses. Thus, the Commission estimates the total annual burden for complying with Rule 6a-4 is 175 hours and \$1333 in miscellaneous clerical expenses.

Compliance with Rule 6a-4 is mandatory. Information received in response to Rule 6a-4 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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⁹ See supra footnote 7.

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