COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in OMB within 30 days of this notice’s publication by either of the following methods. Please identify the comments by “OMB Control No. 3038-0013.”

- By email addressed to: OIRAsubmissions@omb.eop.gov or

- By mail addressed to: the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington DC 20503.
A copy of all comments submitted to OIRA should be sent to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission”) by either of the following methods. The copies should refer to “OMB Control No. 3038-0013.”

- By mail addressed to: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581;
- By Hand Delivery/Courier to the same address; or
- Through the Commission’s website at http://comments.cftc.gov. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting http://RegInfo.gov.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to http://www.cftc.gov. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from http://www.cftc.gov that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.
and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Haidar, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5611; email: shaidar@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: “Exemptions from Speculative Limits” (OMB Control No. 3038-0013).

This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Commission rule 150.4 provides that all persons holding a greater than 10 percent ownership or equity interest in another entity can avail themselves of an exemption in rule 150.4(b)(2) to disaggregate the positions of the owned entity. To claim the exemption, a person needs to meet certain criteria and file a notice with the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the rule. The rules establish reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Rule 150.4(b)(2) (would establish an exemption for a person to disaggregate the positions of a separately organized entity); 150.4(b)(5) (would expand the exemption for independent account controllers to include additional eligible participants); and 150.4(b)(8) (provides an exemption from aggregation where the sharing of information between persons would cause either person to violate federal law).

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 OMB control number. On November 19, 2019, the Commission published in the Federal Register notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public
comment on the proposed extension, 84 FR 63861 (“60-Day Notice”). The Commission did not receive any relevant comments on the 60-Day Notice.

Burden Statement: The burden for this collection applies to an eligible entity as defined in Part 150. The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 240.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 340.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 20.15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6850.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)


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