

Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January/22/2018 at Volume # 83 3034–3035 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 10, 2018. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
 2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.
- Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation for Deceased Civilian Employee, is used to collect information from individuals who have been designated as beneficiaries of the

unpaid compensation of a deceased Federal employee or who believe that their relationship to the deceased entitles them to receive the unpaid compensation of the deceased Federal employee. OPM needs this information in order to adjudicate the claim and properly assign a deceased Federal employee's unpaid compensation to the appropriate individual(s).

Analysis

Agency: Merit System Accountability and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee.

OMB Number: 3206–0234.

Affected Public: Federal Employees and Retirees.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 750 hours.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Jeff T.H. Pon,

Director.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IM2018–1; Order No. 4567]

Section 407 Proceeding

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a proceeding to consider whether proposals of the 26th Congress of the Universal Postal Union are consistent with the modern rate regulation standards. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* July 3, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

In 2016, at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, UPU members decided to hold an Extraordinary UPU Congress midway between the 2016 Congress and the 2020 UPU Congress.¹ The Extraordinary UPU Congress will be held September 3–7, 2018, in Ethiopia. On March 27, 2018, the Secretary of State requested the Commission's views on whether certain proposals for the Extraordinary UPU Congress are consistent with the standards and criteria for modern rate regulation established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. 3622.² Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 407(c)(1) and 39 CFR part 3017, the Commission establishes Docket No. IM2018–1 for the purpose of developing its views on whether certain proposals for the Extraordinary UPU Congress are consistent with the standards and criteria for modern rate regulation established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. 3622.

II. Initial Commission Action

Establishment of docket. Part 3017 of title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations codifies procedures related to the development of the Commission's section 407 views.³ Pursuant to rule 3017.3(a), the Commission establishes this docket to “solicit comments on the general principles that should guide the Commission's development of views on relevant proposals, in a general way, and on specific relevant proposals, if the Commission is able to make these available.” 39 CFR 3017.3(a).

Comments. Rule 3017.4(a) provides that the Commission “shall establish a deadline for comments upon establishment of the docket that is consistent with timely submission of the Commission's views to the Secretary of State.” 39 CFR 3017.4 (a). The Secretary of State has requested that the Commission submit its views by August 3, 2018. State's Request at 1. To ensure timely submission of the Commission's

¹ Decisions of the 26th Congress other than those amending the Acts (resolutions, decisions, recommendations, formal opinions, etc.) (2017), Resolution C 28/2016 available at https://documents.upu.int/Bodies/2016/CNG/CNG%20ACTES/MEETING/CNG%20ACTES%202016/Doc%201/EN/cng_actes_d001.pdf.

² See Letter from Nerissa J. Cook, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State, March 27, 2018 (State's Request).

³ See Docket No. RM2015–14, Order Adopting Final Rules on Procedures Related to Commission Views, December 30, 2015 (Order No. 2960). See also 81 FR 869 (January 8, 2016). The rules in part 3017 took effect on February 8, 2016.

views to the Department of State, the Commission establishes July 3, 2018, as the deadline for submission of comments on the principles that should guide development of its views, as well as those on the consistency of proposals subject to subchapter I of chapter 36 with the standards and criteria of 39 U.S.C. 3622. Comments are to be submitted in the above captioned docket via the Commission's website at <http://www.prc.gov> unless a request for waiver is approved. For assistance with filing, contact the Commission's docket section at 202-789-6846 or dockets@prc.gov.

Public Representative. Section 505 of title 39 requires the designation of an officer of the Commission (public representative) to represent the interests of the general public in all public proceedings. The Commission designates Kenneth E. Richardson as Public Representative in this proceeding.

Availability of documents. Pursuant to rule 3017.3(b), the Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for the prompt posting on the Commission's website of the correspondence identified in this Order. The Commission will post other documents in this docket when the Commission determines such other documents are applicable and are able to be made publicly available.

Federal Register publication. Rule 3017.3(c) requires publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice establishing a docket authorized under part 3017. 39 CFR 3017.3(c). Pursuant to this rule, the Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. IM2018-1 for purposes related to the development of section 407(c)(1) views and invites public comments related to this effort, as described in the body of this Order.

2. Comments are due no later than July 3, 2018.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Kenneth E. Richardson is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary is directed to post the correspondence referred to in this Order on the Commission's website, along with other documents that the Commission determines are applicable and are able to be made publicly available.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82995; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2018-001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade the Shares of the GraniteShares Bitcoin ETF and the GraniteShares Short Bitcoin ETF Under BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4), Trust Issued Receipts

April 5, 2018.

On January 5, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to list and trade the shares ("Shares") of the GraniteShares Bitcoin ETF ("Long Fund") and the GraniteShares Short Bitcoin ETF ("Short Fund") (each a "Fund" and, collectively, "Funds") issued by the GraniteShares ETP Trust ("Trust") under BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2018.³ On February 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁴ the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change. This order institutes proceedings under Section

19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

I. Summary of the Proposal⁷

The Exchange proposes to list and trade the Shares under BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4), which governs the listing and trading of Trust Issued Receipts on the Exchange.⁸ Each Fund will be a series of the Trust, and the Trust and the Funds will be managed and controlled by GraniteShares Advisors LLC ("Sponsor"). Bank of New York Mellon will serve as administrator, custodian, and transfer agent for the Funds. Foreside Fund Services, LLC will serve as the distributor of the Shares ("Distributor"). The Trust will offer Shares of the Funds for sale through the Distributor in "Creation Units" in transactions with "Authorized Participants" who have entered into agreements with the Distributor.⁹

According to the Exchange, the Long Fund's investment objective will be to seek results (before fees and expenses) that, both for a single day and over time, correspond to the performance of lead month bitcoin futures contracts listed and traded on the Cboe Futures Exchange, Inc. ("Benchmark Futures Contract"). Conversely, the Short Fund's investment objective will be to seek results (before fees and expenses) that, on a daily basis, correspond to the inverse (−1x) of the daily performance of the Benchmark Futures Contracts for a single day. Each Fund generally intends to invest substantially all of its assets in the Benchmark Futures Contracts and cash and cash equivalents (which would be used to collateralize the Benchmark Futures Contracts), but may invest in other U.S. exchange listed bitcoin futures contracts, as available (together with Benchmark Futures

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ The Commission notes that additional information regarding the Trust, the Shares, and the Funds, including investment strategies, calculation of net asset value ("NAV") and indicative fund value, creation and redemption procedures, and additional background information about bitcoin, the bitcoin network, and bitcoin futures contracts, among other things, can be found in the Notice (*see supra* note 3) and the registration statement filed with the Commission on Form S-1 (File No. 333-222109) under the Securities Act of 1933, as applicable.

⁸ Rule 14.11(f)(4) applies to Trust Issued Receipts that invest in "Financial Instruments." The term "Financial Instruments," as defined in Rule 14.11(f)(4)(A)(iv), means any combination of investments, including cash; securities; options on securities and indices; futures contracts; options on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars, and floors; and swap agreements.

⁹ *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 2707.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82484 (Jan. 11, 2018), 83 FR 2704 (Jan. 18, 2018) ("Notice").

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82759 (Feb. 22, 2018), 83 FR 8719 (Feb. 28, 2018). The Commission designated April 18, 2018 as the date by which the Commission shall approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove, the proposed rule change.