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Re: Request to Extend Comment Period for Proposed Rule Regarding Financial Data
Transparency Act Joint Data Standards, 89 Fed. Reg. 67,890 (Aug 22, 2024)

Dear Mr. Dowd, Ms. Misback, Mr. Sheesley, Ms. Conyers-Ausbrooks, Mr. Frotman, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Countryman and Mr. Passante:

CUSIP Global Services (“CGS”) respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the comment period for the proposal (the “Proposal”)¹ by nine federal agencies (the “Agencies”)² to establish joint data standards for collections of information reported to the Agencies under Section 124 of the Financial Stability Act of 2010, which has been added pursuant to Section 5811 of the Financial Data Transparency Act of 2022. The Proposed Rule is the most significant change to financial data standardization in decades and would fundamentally transform how security-level data is reported to federal agencies, thus creating challenges for how market participants maintain critical financial data internally. In addition to the administrative burden associated with requiring market participants to switch away from established standards in favor of a new and largely untested standard for reporting financial instrument data, this change would be consequential enough that it would cause significant confusion, introduce errors and, ultimately, impose untold costs for market participants.

These significant and long-lasting changes would impact many companies that may not be aware of the Proposed Rule or understand its potential impact. Additional time would allow CGS and others to inform affected parties about the Proposed Rule and the Agencies’ solicitation of public comment.

Additional time is also appropriate because of the timing of the publication of the Proposed Rule and resulting comment period. Proposed Rule was published in Federal Register at the end of August—a time of the year during which many market participants may not be paying close attention to rulemakings and companies historically operate at much less than full staffing. Moreover, there are multiple federal holidays during the comment period and SEC reporting requirements for many potential commenters. The timing of the comment period only further complicates and limits the ability of market participants and other interested parties to provide meaningful input on the Proposed Rule.

Thus, a 60-day extension of the comment period for the Proposed Rule, until December 20, 2024, would allow more considered responses to the Proposed Rule from a greater variety of interested parties. Given that this rulemaking will be followed by subsequent rulemakings by individual agencies, it is even more important that the public have adequate time to provide feedback about whether the initial framework is appropriate.

¹ Financial Data Transparency Act Joint Data Standards, 89 Fed. Reg. 67,890 (Aug. 22, 2024).

² The nine agencies are the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Department of the Treasury.

CGS appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rule. If you have any questions regarding this comment period extension request, please do not hesitate to contact me at scott.preiss@cusip.com.

Respectfully,



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