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February 1, 2016

Mr. Brent J. Fields, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549-1090

**Re:** Request for Comment Period Extension | Transfer Agent Regulations  
Release No. 34-76743, File No. S7-27-15

Dear Mr. Fields:

The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”)<sup>1</sup> greatly appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or the “Commission”) Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Concept Release and Request for Comment on Transfer Agent Regulations (the “TA Release”).

In preparing its comment, SIFMA has organized a working group of members with diverse business models to analyze the broad-ranging questions and complex issues contained within the TA Release, and has engaged outside counsel to assist with the working group’s efforts. While we are working diligently to develop our comments, the size and scope of the TA Release, with over 170 separate areas of inquiry, challenges our ability to give the response we intend to submit by the comment due date of February 29, 2016. In addition, several holidays and a large winter storm impacting business operations along the northeast corridor for several days served to effectively shorten the comment period. As such, we find that the current comment due date of February 29 is insufficient to allow us to provide thorough comment. SIFMA therefore respectfully requests additional time to prepare its comments.

Based on the forgoing, SIFMA respectfully requests the extension of the comment period for the TA Release for a reasonable period, not shorter than 30 days.

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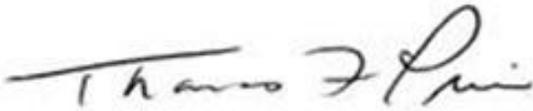
<sup>1</sup> SIFMA is the voice of the U.S. securities industry. We represent the broker-dealers, banks and asset managers whose nearly 1 million employees provide access to the capital markets, raising over \$2.5 trillion for businesses and municipalities in the U.S., serving clients with over \$20 trillion in assets and managing more than \$67 trillion in assets for individual and institutional clients including mutual funds and retirement plans. SIFMA, with offices in New York and Washington, D.C., is the U.S. regional member of the Global Financial Markets Association (GFMA). For more information, visit <http://www.sifma.org>.

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SIFMA greatly appreciates the Commission's time in assessing our request for a comment period extension on the TA Release. As we would be happy to discuss our request, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas F. Price". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P".

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