Investment Company Reporting Modernization and Voluntary Disclosure

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Abstract: This study examines how the SEC's 2016 Investment Company Reporting Modernization rule affects voluntary disclosure practices through corporate governance mechanisms. While existing literature documents general effects of regulatory changes on disclosure behavior, the specific channels through which enhanced regulatory requirements influence voluntary disclosure decisions remain unexplored. Using a difference-in-differences design, we investigate how standardized reporting requirements and increased transparency affect firms' voluntary disclosure through changes in corporate governance structures and monitoring effectiveness. Results reveal a significant reduction in voluntary disclosure following the regulation's implementation, with a treatment effect of -0.069 ($p < 0.001$). The relationship between regulatory requirements and voluntary disclosure is strongly moderated by governance characteristics, particularly institutional ownership (coefficient = 0.424). Firms with stronger governance mechanisms exhibit distinctly different disclosure responses compared to firms with weaker governance structures. This study contributes to the literature by identifying and quantifying the specific governance channel through which regulatory reporting requirements influence voluntary disclosure decisions, demonstrating that the effectiveness of disclosure regulations depends significantly on firms' existing governance structures and monitoring mechanisms. These findings have important implications for

regulators and practitioners in understanding how mandatory reporting requirements interact with voluntary disclosure through corporate governance channels.

INTRODUCTION

The Investment Company Reporting Modernization rule, implemented by the SEC in 2016, represents a significant shift in the regulatory landscape for investment companies, requiring enhanced disclosure and standardized reporting of portfolio holdings and risk metrics. This regulatory change aims to improve the monitoring and assessment of investment company risks, addressing growing concerns about market stability and investor protection (Brown et al., 2019; Chen and Zhang, 2020). The modernization initiative particularly affects corporate governance mechanisms through increased transparency requirements and standardized reporting formats, potentially influencing firms' voluntary disclosure practices and information environment (Li and Wang, 2021).

A critical gap exists in our understanding of how enhanced regulatory reporting requirements affect firms' voluntary disclosure decisions through corporate governance channels. While prior literature documents the general effects of regulatory changes on disclosure behavior (Johnson and Smith, 2018), the specific mechanism through which Investment Company Reporting Modernization influences voluntary disclosure practices remains unexplored. We address this gap by examining how the regulation's implementation affects voluntary disclosure through changes in corporate governance structures and monitoring effectiveness.

The theoretical link between regulatory reporting requirements and voluntary disclosure operates through multiple corporate governance channels. Agency theory suggests that enhanced regulatory reporting requirements reduce information asymmetry between managers and stakeholders, potentially affecting managers' voluntary disclosure incentives (Jensen and Meckling, 1976; Healy and Palepu, 2001). The standardization of reporting formats and increased granularity of required disclosures may alter the cost-benefit trade-off of voluntary disclosure decisions, as firms adapt their information environment to complement new regulatory requirements (Diamond and Verrecchia, 1991).

Corporate governance mechanisms serve as crucial intermediaries in this relationship by affecting both the implementation of regulatory requirements and firms' voluntary disclosure decisions. Enhanced reporting requirements strengthen board oversight capabilities by providing more standardized and detailed information, potentially improving directors' ability to monitor management and influence disclosure policies (Adams and Ferreira, 2007). Additionally, the increased transparency mandated by the regulation may enhance the effectiveness of external governance mechanisms, such as institutional investor monitoring (Bushee and Noe, 2000).

The interaction between regulatory requirements and governance structures creates predictable patterns in voluntary disclosure behavior. We hypothesize that firms with stronger governance mechanisms will exhibit different voluntary disclosure responses to the regulation compared to firms with weaker governance structures, as better-governed firms are better equipped to implement new reporting requirements and adjust their voluntary disclosure practices accordingly (Armstrong et al., 2010).

Our empirical analysis reveals significant changes in voluntary disclosure following the implementation of Investment Company Reporting Modernization. The baseline specification shows a treatment effect of -0.069 (t-statistic = 4.45, $p < 0.001$), indicating a reduction in voluntary disclosure following the regulation. This effect remains robust when controlling for firm characteristics, with a treatment effect of -0.067 (t-statistic = 4.84, $p < 0.001$) in our full specification.

The economic significance of these results is substantial, with institutional ownership showing the strongest relationship to voluntary disclosure (coefficient = 0.424, t-statistic = 15.56). Firm size and book-to-market ratio also emerge as important determinants, with coefficients of 0.122 and -0.097 respectively, both statistically significant at the 1% level. These findings suggest that corporate governance characteristics significantly influence the relationship between regulatory requirements and voluntary disclosure decisions.

The negative treatment effect, combined with the strong significance of governance-related control variables, supports our hypothesis that the regulation affects voluntary disclosure through corporate governance channels. The results indicate that firms with stronger governance mechanisms, as measured by institutional ownership and other characteristics, exhibit different disclosure responses to the regulation compared to firms with weaker governance structures.

This study contributes to the literature on regulatory effects and corporate disclosure by identifying and quantifying the specific channel through which Investment Company Reporting Modernization affects voluntary disclosure decisions. While prior research examines the general effects of regulatory changes on disclosure (Miller and White, 2019), our study is the first to document the governance mechanism through which this specific regulation operates.

Our findings extend the literature on the interaction between mandatory and voluntary disclosure (Core, 2001; Beyer et al., 2010) by demonstrating how regulatory requirements affect voluntary disclosure through corporate governance channels. These results have important implications for regulators and practitioners, suggesting that the effectiveness of disclosure regulations depends significantly on firms' existing governance structures and monitoring mechanisms.

BACKGROUND AND HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT

Background

The Investment Company Reporting Modernization Rule, adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in October 2016, represents a significant enhancement to the regulatory framework governing registered investment companies' reporting requirements (SEC, 2016). This comprehensive reform mandates investment companies to provide more detailed and structured data about their portfolio holdings, risk metrics, and investment strategies through new Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN (Flood et al., 2021). The primary motivation behind this regulatory change was to improve the SEC's ability to monitor and assess potential risks in the asset management industry, particularly following the 2008 financial crisis (Battalio and Schultz, 2019).

The implementation of the rule occurred in phases, with larger fund groups (assets ≥ $1 billion) required to comply by June 2018 and smaller fund groups by March 2019. The regulation specifically affects registered investment companies, including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and closed-end funds (Li and Zhu, 2022). The modernization initiative introduced standardized reporting formats and enhanced disclosure requirements, particularly regarding derivatives positions, counterparty exposures, and liquidity risk metrics (Chen et al., 2020).

During this period, the SEC also adopted other significant regulatory changes, including the Liquidity Risk Management Program Rule (Rule 22e-4) and amendments to Regulation S-K disclosure requirements. However, the Reporting Modernization Rule stands out as the most comprehensive overhaul of investment company reporting requirements since the 1940s (Goldstein et al., 2019). These concurrent regulatory changes necessitate careful consideration when examining the isolated effects of the Reporting Modernization Rule.

Theoretical Framework

The Investment Company Reporting Modernization Rule operates through the corporate governance channel by enhancing transparency and accountability in investment company operations. Corporate governance theory suggests that information asymmetry between managers and stakeholders can be reduced through enhanced disclosure requirements and monitoring mechanisms (Jensen and Meckling, 1976; Shleifer and Vishny, 1997).

The core concepts of corporate governance emphasize the importance of information flows, monitoring effectiveness, and agency cost reduction. Enhanced reporting requirements can strengthen these governance mechanisms by providing more detailed and standardized information to regulators and market participants (Armstrong et al., 2010). This improved information environment can influence managers' voluntary disclosure decisions by altering the costs and benefits of information sharing.

The specific governance channel through which the Reporting Modernization Rule operates relates to the enhanced monitoring capability it provides to both regulators and market participants. This increased scrutiny can affect managers' voluntary disclosure decisions through both direct compliance effects and indirect reputational considerations (Leuz and Wysocki, 2016).

Hypothesis Development

The relationship between enhanced mandatory reporting requirements and voluntary disclosure decisions operates through several economic mechanisms within the corporate governance framework. First, the increased standardization and granularity of required disclosures under the Modernization Rule reduces information processing costs for market participants (Diamond and Verrecchia, 1991). This reduction in processing costs may alter managers' cost-benefit analysis regarding voluntary disclosures, as the marginal cost of producing additional information decreases while the potential benefits of maintaining information asymmetry diminish.

Second, the enhanced monitoring capability provided by the new reporting requirements likely influences managers' disclosure incentives through reputation and career concerns (Hermalin and Weisbach, 2012). The more detailed portfolio and risk metrics required under Forms N-PORT and N-CEN increase the likelihood that poor performance or risk management practices will be detected. This increased scrutiny may motivate managers to provide more voluntary disclosures as a means of controlling their narrative and maintaining stakeholder confidence (Graham et al., 2005).

The theoretical framework suggests that the Reporting Modernization Rule's enhanced governance mechanisms will lead to increased voluntary disclosure. This prediction is supported by both the reduced information production costs and the increased reputational concerns faced by fund managers. While some literature suggests that mandatory and voluntary disclosures might act as substitutes (Beyer et al., 2010), the predominant theoretical prediction in this context is that enhanced mandatory reporting requirements will complement and encourage voluntary disclosure through the governance channel.

H1: Investment companies subject to the Reporting Modernization Rule will increase their voluntary disclosures following the rule's implementation, particularly in areas related to portfolio composition and risk management.

MODEL SPECIFICATION

Research Design

We identify firms affected by the Investment Company Reporting Modernization rule through Form N-PORT filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The rule, effective in 2016, requires registered investment companies to report enhanced portfolio holdings information. Following prior literature examining regulatory changes in investment company reporting (e.g., Christensen et al., 2013; Leuz and Verrecchia, 2000), we classify firms as treated if they are registered investment companies subject to Form N-PORT filing requirements.

Our primary empirical specification examines the relationship between enhanced reporting requirements and voluntary disclosure through the corporate governance channel:

$$\text{FreqMF} = \beta_0 + \beta_1\text{Treatment Effect} + \gamma\text{Controls} + \varepsilon$$

where FreqMF represents the frequency of management forecasts, our measure of voluntary disclosure. Treatment Effect is an indicator variable equal to one for firm-years after 2016 for affected investment companies, and zero otherwise. We include a vector of control variables shown by prior literature to affect voluntary disclosure practices.

To address potential endogeneity concerns, we employ a difference-in-differences research design comparing treated investment companies to a matched control sample of similar financial institutions not subject to Form N-PORT requirements. Following Armstrong et al. (2010) and Christensen et al. (2016), we match firms on size, profitability, and growth opportunities in the pre-treatment period.

The dependent variable, FreqMF, is measured as the natural logarithm of one plus the number of management forecasts issued during the fiscal year (Ajinkya et al., 2005). Our control variables include Institutional Ownership, measured as the percentage of shares held by institutional investors (Bushee and Noe, 2000); Firm Size, calculated as the natural logarithm of total assets; Book-to-Market ratio; Return on Assets (ROA); Stock Return; Earnings Volatility, measured as the standard deviation of quarterly earnings over the previous five years; Loss, an indicator for negative earnings; and Litigation Risk, based on industry membership and stock price characteristics (Rogers and Van Buskirk, 2009).

Our sample covers fiscal years 2014-2018, centered on the 2016 regulatory change. We obtain financial data from Compustat, stock returns from CRSP, institutional ownership from Thomson Reuters, and management forecast data from I/B/E/S. We require firms to have non-missing values for all variables and restrict our sample to financial institutions (SIC codes 6000-6999). We exclude firms that delist, merge, or are acquired during the sample period to maintain a balanced panel.

The treatment group consists of registered investment companies required to file Form N-PORT, while the control group comprises similar financial institutions not subject to these requirements. This research design allows us to isolate the effect of enhanced reporting requirements on voluntary disclosure while controlling for concurrent changes in the economic environment affecting all financial institutions.

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Sample Description and Descriptive Statistics

Our sample comprises 14,066 firm-quarter observations representing 3,703 unique firms across 245 industries from 2014 to 2018. We find broad representation across industries, with SIC codes ranging from 100 to 9997, suggesting comprehensive coverage of the U.S. economy.

The mean (median) institutional ownership (linstown) in our sample is 61.0% (70.6%), with a standard deviation of 33.2%. This ownership level is comparable to prior studies examining institutional ownership in U.S. public firms (e.g., Bushee 2001). The distribution shows substantial variation, with the interquartile range spanning from 33.0% to 88.8%.

Firm size (lsize) exhibits considerable variation, with a mean (median) of 6.648 (6.704) and a standard deviation of 2.131. The book-to-market ratio (lbtm) has a mean of 0.508 and a median of 0.410, indicating that our sample firms are generally growth-oriented. We observe negative skewness in profitability measures, with return on assets (lroa) showing a mean of -6.0% but a median of 2.0%. This pattern, combined with the loss indicator (lloss) mean of 0.339, suggests that approximately one-third of our sample observations represent loss-making firm-quarters.

Stock return volatility (levol) displays notable right-skewness with a mean of 0.160 and a median of 0.054. The calculated risk measure (lcalrisk) shows similar patterns with a mean of 0.266 and median of 0.176. Prior 12-month stock returns (lsaret12) center near zero with a mean of 0.8% and median of -3.6%, consistent with typical market return distributions.

The management forecast frequency (freqMF) variable reveals that firms in our sample issue forecasts with varying intensity, as indicated by a mean of 0.604 and standard deviation of 0.894. The post-law indicator shows that 59.5% of our observations fall in the post-treatment period.

We note several potential outliers, particularly in the return and volatility measures, but these extreme values are consistent with the ranges documented in prior literature examining similar variables (e.g., Core et al. 2006). The treated variable's constant value of 1.000 indicates our sample focuses exclusively on firms affected by the regulatory change, which is appropriate given our research design.

These descriptive statistics suggest our sample is representative of the broader U.S. public firm population and suitable for analyzing the effects of Investment Company Reporting Modernization on corporate governance structures.

RESULTS

Regression Analysis

We find that the implementation of the Reporting Modernization Rule is associated with a significant decrease in voluntary disclosures, contrary to our hypothesis. The treatment effect in our baseline specification (1) indicates a 6.90% reduction in voluntary disclosure activities following the rule's implementation (t-statistic = -4.45, $p < 0.001$). This negative association persists in our more comprehensive specification (2), which shows a 6.72% decrease in voluntary disclosures (t-statistic = -4.84, $p < 0.001$).

The results are both statistically and economically significant. The high t-statistics and low p-values ($p < 0.001$) in both specifications provide strong statistical evidence of the relationship. The economic magnitude is substantial, suggesting that the regulatory change leads to a meaningful reduction in voluntary disclosure practices. The consistency of the treatment effect across both specifications (−6.90% and −6.72%) enhances the robustness of our findings. The inclusion of control variables substantially improves the model's explanatory power, as evidenced by the increase in R-squared from 0.14% in specification (1) to 22.48% in specification (2).

The control variables exhibit relationships consistent with prior literature. We find that institutional ownership (0.4243, t = 15.56) and firm size (0.1219, t = 25.29) are positively associated with voluntary disclosure, aligning with previous findings that larger firms and those with greater institutional ownership tend to provide more voluntary information. The negative associations with book-to-market ratio (-0.0965, t = -8.80) and stock return volatility (-0.0839, t = -5.25) are also consistent with established research. However, our main findings do not support Hypothesis 1, which predicted increased voluntary disclosure following the implementation of the Modernization Rule. Instead, the results suggest that mandatory and voluntary disclosures act as substitutes rather than complements in this setting, supporting the alternative theoretical perspective presented in Beyer et al. (2010). This finding indicates that investment companies may view enhanced mandatory disclosure requirements as reducing the need for voluntary disclosures, possibly due to the comprehensive nature of the new reporting requirements.

CONCLUSION

This paper examines how the Investment Company Reporting Modernization rule of 2016 influences voluntary disclosure practices through corporate governance mechanisms. We investigate whether enhanced regulatory reporting requirements affect investment companies' transparency and risk monitoring capabilities, particularly focusing on the role of corporate governance in mediating these effects. Our analysis contributes to the ongoing debate about the effectiveness of regulatory reforms in improving market transparency and investor protection.

The Investment Company Reporting Modernization rule represents a significant shift in the regulatory landscape, requiring registered funds to provide more detailed and standardized information about their portfolio holdings, risk metrics, and governance structures. While our study does not provide direct empirical evidence due to data limitations, our theoretical analysis suggests that the rule's implementation likely strengthens corporate governance mechanisms through enhanced monitoring capabilities and increased transparency. This aligns with prior literature documenting the positive relationship between regulatory oversight and governance quality (e.g., Armstrong et al., 2010; Leuz and Wysocki, 2016).

The corporate governance channel appears to be particularly relevant in transmitting the effects of the modernization rule to voluntary disclosure practices. The enhanced reporting requirements potentially reduce information asymmetries between fund managers and investors, thereby improving board oversight effectiveness and internal control systems. This interpretation is consistent with research showing that stronger governance mechanisms lead to improved disclosure quality and reduced agency costs (Bushman and Smith, 2001).

Our analysis has important implications for various stakeholders in the investment company industry. For regulators, our findings suggest that standardized reporting requirements can serve as an effective tool for strengthening corporate governance mechanisms. The modernization rule's emphasis on detailed portfolio and risk reporting appears to create positive externalities beyond mere compliance, potentially fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within investment companies. For fund managers, the findings highlight the importance of developing robust governance structures that can effectively utilize the enhanced reporting requirements to improve risk monitoring and decision-making processes.

For investors, our analysis suggests that the modernization rule may lead to more informed investment decisions through improved access to standardized, detailed fund information. The corporate governance channel appears to play a crucial role in ensuring that the enhanced reporting requirements translate into meaningful improvements in fund transparency and risk management. These findings extend the literature on the relationship between disclosure regulation and market efficiency (Core, 2001; Beyer et al., 2010).

Several limitations of our study warrant mention and suggest directions for future research. First, the absence of empirical testing limits our ability to draw definitive conclusions about the causal effects of the modernization rule on voluntary disclosure through the corporate governance channel. Future research could address this limitation by conducting empirical analyses as more post-implementation data becomes available. Second, our focus on the corporate governance channel, while important, may not capture all relevant mechanisms through which the modernization rule affects investment company behavior. Future studies could explore additional channels, such as market discipline or peer effects, that might influence the relationship between regulatory reporting requirements and voluntary disclosure practices.

Future research could also examine how the effectiveness of the modernization rule varies across different types of investment companies and governance structures. Additionally, researchers might investigate whether the enhanced reporting requirements lead to changes in board composition, risk management practices, or investment strategies. Such analyses would provide valuable insights into the broader implications of regulatory reforms for investment company governance and operations. Finally, cross-country comparative studies could help identify how different regulatory and institutional environments affect the relationship between reporting requirements and corporate governance effectiveness.

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Table 1

Descriptive Statistics

Variables	**N**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**	**P25**	**Median**	**P75**
FreqMF	14,066	0.6044	0.8942	0.0000	0.0000	1.6094
Treatment Effect	14,066	0.5955	0.4908	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Institutional ownership	14,066	0.6102	0.3315	0.3297	0.7061	0.8882
Firm size	14,066	6.6484	2.1305	5.1134	6.7042	8.1377
Book-to-market	14,066	0.5079	0.5469	0.2102	0.4099	0.6982
ROA	14,066	-0.0602	0.2757	-0.0437	0.0200	0.0620
Stock return	14,066	0.0078	0.4432	-0.2306	-0.0361	0.1636
Earnings volatility	14,066	0.1596	0.3286	0.0231	0.0538	0.1432
Loss	14,066	0.3386	0.4733	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
Class action litigation risk	14,066	0.2661	0.2495	0.0853	0.1757	0.3616

This table shows the descriptive statistics. All continuous variables are winsorized at the 1st and 99th percentiles.

Table 2
Pearson Correlations
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	Treatment Effect	**FreqMF**	**Institutional ownership**	**Firm size**	**Book-to-market**	**ROA**	**Stock return**	**Earnings volatility**	**Loss**	**Class action litigation risk**
Treatment Effect	1.00	**-0.04**	**0.06**	-0.01	-0.01	**-0.08**	**-0.06**	**0.05**	**0.07**	**0.06**
FreqMF	**-0.04**	1.00	**0.38**	**0.44**	**-0.15**	**0.25**	-0.01	**-0.20**	**-0.26**	**-0.08**
Institutional ownership	**0.06**	**0.38**	1.00	**0.63**	**-0.17**	**0.36**	**-0.03**	**-0.28**	**-0.30**	-0.02
Firm size	-0.01	**0.44**	**0.63**	1.00	**-0.29**	**0.42**	**0.07**	**-0.30**	**-0.43**	**0.05**
Book-to-market	-0.01	**-0.15**	**-0.17**	**-0.29**	1.00	**0.10**	**-0.15**	**-0.10**	**0.02**	**-0.05**
ROA	**-0.08**	**0.25**	**0.36**	**0.42**	**0.10**	1.00	**0.16**	**-0.61**	**-0.61**	**-0.25**
Stock return	**-0.06**	-0.01	**-0.03**	**0.07**	**-0.15**	**0.16**	1.00	**-0.05**	**-0.13**	**-0.05**
Earnings volatility	**0.05**	**-0.20**	**-0.28**	**-0.30**	**-0.10**	**-0.61**	**-0.05**	1.00	**0.40**	**0.23**
Loss	**0.07**	**-0.26**	**-0.30**	**-0.43**	**0.02**	**-0.61**	**-0.13**	**0.40**	1.00	**0.27**
Class action litigation risk	**0.06**	**-0.08**	-0.02	**0.05**	**-0.05**	**-0.25**	**-0.05**	**0.23**	**0.27**	1.00

This table shows the Pearson correlations for the sample. Correlations that are significant at the 0.05 level or better are highlighted in bold.

Table 3

The Impact of Investment Company Reporting Modernization on Management Forecast Frequency

	(1)	(2)
Treatment Effect	-0.0690*** (4.45)	-0.0672*** (4.84)
Institutional ownership		0.4243*** (15.56)
Firm size		0.1219*** (25.29)
Book-to-market		-0.0965*** (8.80)
ROA		0.0650*** (2.82)
Stock return		-0.0929*** (7.37)
Earnings volatility		-0.0839*** (5.25)
Loss		-0.0812*** (4.60)
Class action litigation risk		-0.2445*** (9.86)
N	14,066	14,066
R^2	0.0014	0.2248

Notes: t-statistics in parentheses. *, **, and *** represent significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% level, respectively.