

the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 5-0 on October 16, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)" be held on October 16, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 5-0 on October 18, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-029-DCOM, Memorandum and Order (Granting Motion for Summary Disposition), LBP-96-18" be held on October 18, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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Dated: October 18, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,
SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant's Work and Earnings.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* RL-231-F.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0107.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* December 31, 1996.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 600.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 600.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 300.

(10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits are not payable if an annuitant works for an employee covered under the Act or last non-railroad employer. The collection obtains information regarding an annuitant's work and earnings from a non-railroad employer. The information will be used for determining whether benefits should be withheld.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Request for Public Comment

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Approval of Existing Collections:

Rule 9b-1, SEC File No. 270-429, OMB Control No. 3235-new.

Rule 15c2-8, SEC File No. 270-421, OMB Control No. 3235-new.

Extensions:

Rule 12f-1, SEC File No. 270-139, OMB Control No. 3235-0128.

Rule 12f-2, and Form 27, SEC File No. 270-140, OMB Control No. 3235-0248.

Rule 12f-3 and Form 28, SEC File No. 270-141, OMB Control No. 3235-0249.

Rule 12a-5 and Form 26, SEC File No. 270-85, OMB Control No. 3235-0079.

Rule 15Aj-1, Form X-15AJ-1 and Form X-15AJ-2, SEC File No. 270-25, OMB Control No. 3235-0044.

Rule 15c2-11, SEC File No. 270-196, OMB Control No. 3235-0202.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is publishing the following summary of collections for public comment.

Rule 9b-1 sets forth the categories of information required to be disclosed in an options disclosure document ("ODD") and requires the options markets to file an ODD with the Commission 60 days prior to the date it is distributed to investors. In addition, Rule 9b-1 provides that the ODD must be amended if the information in the document becomes materially inaccurate or incomplete and that amendments must be filed with the Commission 30 days prior to the distribution to customers. Finally, Rule 9b-1 requires a broker-dealer to furnish to each customer an ODD and any amendments, prior to accepting an order to purchase or sell an option on behalf of that customer.

There are 5 options markets that must comply with Rule 9b-1. These 5 respondents work together to prepare a single ODD covering options traded on each market, as well as amendments to the ODD. These respondents file no more than one amendment per year, which requires approximately 8 hours per year for each respondent. Thus, the total compliance burden for options markets per year is 40 hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$100, resulting in a total cost of compliance for these respondents of \$4,000 per year (40 hours @ \$100).

In addition, approximately 2,000 broker-dealers must comply with Rule 9b-1. Each of these respondents will process an average of three new customers for options each week and, therefore, will have to furnish approximately 156 ODDs per year. The postal mailing or electronic delivery of the ODD takes respondents no more than 30 seconds to complete for an annual compliance burden for each of these respondents of 78 minutes, or 1.3 hours. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 2,600 hours (2,000 broker-dealers × 1.3 hours). The approximate cost per hour to these

respondents is \$10 per hour, resulting in a total cost of compliance for these respondents of \$26,000 per year (2,600 hours @ 1.3 hours).

The total compliance burden for all respondents under this rule (both options markets and broker-dealers) is 2,640 hours per year (40 + 2,600), and total compliance costs of \$30,000 (\$4,000 + \$26,000).

Rule 15c2-8 requires broker-dealers to deliver preliminary or final prospectuses to specified persons in association with securities offerings. This requirement ensures that information concerning issuers flows to purchasers of the issuers' securities in a timely fashion. There are approximately 8,500 broker-dealers, any of which potentially may participate in an offering subject to Rule 15c2-8. The Commission estimates that Rule 15c2-8 creates approximately 40,290 burden hours with respect to approximately 579 initial public offerings and 1,344 other offerings.

Estimating that records are to be kept by compliance or other related personnel paid at an hourly rate of \$28, the total annualized cost burden for recordkeeping is \$1,128,120 (28 × 40,290). Added to this are the costs of copying and mailing. These costs are estimated to be approximately \$100,000 per initial public offering, for a total of \$59,200,000, with other costs expected to be de minimis, as they would be incurred for purposes of complying with Securities Act of 1933 provisions. The total annualized cost burden is therefore \$60,328,120.

Rule 12f-1 sets forth the information which an exchange must include in an application for unlisted trading privileges in a security. There are 5 national securities exchanges that require an aggregate total of 670 hours to comply with this rule. Each of these 5 respondents makes an estimated 134 annual responses, for an aggregate of 670 responses per year. Each response takes approximately 1 hour to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 670 burden hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$100, resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of \$67,000 (670 hours @ \$100).

Rule 12f-2 requires that a national securities exchange must report to the Commission certain changes in a security admitted to unlisted trading privileges. This report is generally made by filing Form 27. There is one respondent that requires an aggregate total of 42 minutes to comply with this rule. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 42 minutes. The total cost of compliance for the respondents is \$27.

Rule 12f-3 prescribes the information which must be included in applications for and notices of termination or suspension of unlisted trading privileges in a security. An exchange must notify the Commission of such action by promptly filing a Form 28. Each of the five national securities exchange respondents incurs an average of 20 burden hours per year in complying with the rule, for a total burden of 100 hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$100, for a total annualized cost burden of \$10,000.

Rule 12a-5, under paragraph (d), directs that after an exchange has taken action to admit any security to trading pursuant to the provisions of the Rule 12a-5, the exchange is required to file with the Commission a notification on Form 26. Form 26 provides the Commission with certain information regarding a security admitted to trading on an exchange pursuant to Rule 12a-5, including: (1) The name of the exchange, (2) the name of the issuer, (3) a description of the security, (4) the date(s) the security was or will be admitted to when-issued and/or regular trading, and (5) a brief description of the transaction pursuant to which the security was or will be issued.

The Commission generally is responsible for overseeing the national securities exchanges, and is particularly responsible under Section 12(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") to receive notification of any securities that are permitted to trade on an exchange pursuant to the temporary exemption under Rule 12a-5. Without the Rule and the Form, the Commission would be unable fully to implement these statutory responsibilities.

There are nine national securities exchanges which may avail themselves of the exemption provided by Rule 12a-5. While approximately 45 Form 26s are filed annually, the reporting burdens typically are not spread evenly among the exchanges. For purposes of this filing, the staff has assumed that each exchange files an equal number (five) of Form 26 reports. Each report requires approximately 20 minutes to complete, and so the aggregate annual compliance burden is estimated to be 100 minutes for each exchange and 15 hours for all nine exchanges.

The Commission staff estimates that the cost to respondents of completing Form 26 ranges from approximately \$10 to \$15, with an average cost per response of \$13. The estimated total annual cost for complying with the rule 12a-5 is about \$65 for each exchange, and \$585 for all exchanges combined.

Rule 15Aj-1 implements the requirements of Sections 15A, 17, and

19 of the Act by requiring every association applying for registration or registered as a national, or as an affiliated securities association to keep its registration statement up to date by filing with the Commission on Form X-15AJ-1 and Form X-15AJ-2.

Rule 15Aj-1 requires a securities association to promptly notify the Commission on Form X-15AJ-1 of any change which renders inaccurate any information contained or incorporated in the registration statement or in any amendment or supplement thereto. Rule 15Aj-1 also requires a securities association to file each year with the Commission an annual consolidated supplement on Form X-15AJ-2.

There is presently only one registered securities association that is required to comply with Rule 15Aj-1. The number of hours necessary to comply with the rule by filing an amendment is approximately one-half hour per response. The average number of hours necessary to file the annual supplement is three reporting hours. The average cost per response for Rule 15Aj-1 is approximately \$7. The average cost of annual supplements pursuant to Rule 15Aj-1 is approximately \$45.

Rule 15c2-11 requires broker-dealers to collect information regarding issuers prior to initiating or resuming publication of quotations of the issuer's securities. The Commission estimates that 142 respondents collect information annually under Rule 15c2-11 and that approximately 13,580 hours would be required annually for these collections. The Commission estimates that the annual cost to comply with Rule 15c2-11 is \$271,600 (\$20 per hour times 13,580 hours).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange

Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 22283; 811-7284]

CR United States Blue Chip Timing Fund, Inc.; Notice of Application

October 15, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: CR Blue Chip Timing Fund, Inc.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Section 8(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on October 4, 1996.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 1996, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, 901 N. Spoeede Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63146.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane L. Titus, Paralegal Specialist, at (202) 942-0584, or Alison E. Baur, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is an open-end, diversified management investment company. According to SEC records, on October 15, 1992, applicant filed a notification or registration on Form N-8A under section 8(a) of the Act, and filed a registration statement on Form N-1A under section 8(b) of the Act. Applicant's registration statement was never declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. Applicant never sold any securities. Applicant has no shareholders, assets, or liabilities. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

3. Applicant is not now engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.
Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Weldotron Corporation, \$0.05 Par Value Common Stock) File No. 1-8381

October 15, 1996.

Weldotron Corporation ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("AMEX" or "Exchange").

The reasons alleged in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, the Company received a letter dated September 24, 1996, from the Exchange stating that it intended to delist the Security and registration from the Exchange. The following day the Company informed the Exchange that it intended to appeal this decision to the Exchange's Board of Governors. Since the filing of the notice of appeal there have been numerous phone conversations with Exchange representatives as well as a meeting between the Company and the Exchange on October 2, 1996.

Although the Company initially elected to appeal the Exchange's decision to delist the Security to the Exchange's Board of Governors, the Company has decided to settle matters by removing the Security from the Exchange. The Company believes that in view of the large expenditures of money and management time that would be required before pursuing an appeal, it would be in the best interest of both the Company and its shareholders that the Company voluntarily apply to the Commission to withdraw its Security from listing and registration on the Exchange.

The Exchange has also agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Exchange and the investing public to resolve this issue between the Company and the Exchange in this manner.

Any interested person may, on or before November 4, 1996, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchanges and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-37823; File No. SR-Amex-96-23]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; the American Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Various Changes to the Exchange's Company Guide

October 15, 1996.

I. Introduction

On June 27, 1996, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(1).