

II. Discussion

Section 15A(b)(6)⁸ of the Act requires that the rules of a national securities association be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, and processing information with respect to securities, and in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the NASD's obligations because it fosters cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in clearing and settling securities transactions by streamlining and improving the process by which trades between NASD and CDS members are compared. The Commission also believes the rule change is consistent with the Act because it permits CDS broker/dealer members to participate in ACT under an agreement by CDS to guarantee its member transactions. Such participation should promote the public interest by expanding the universe of Canadian Brokers executing trades with NASD members in the U.S. Furthermore, the CDS guarantee of its member transactions should promote investor protection.

III. Conclusion

The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and particularly with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NASD-95-49) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc on implementation of the Leland Initiative: Africa Global Information Infrastructure Gateway. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Loy Henderson Auditorium, Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of ITAC is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operations matters and to provide strategic planning recommendations, with respect to international telecommunications and information issues.

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to advise the U.S. Government on the Leland Initiative; a multi-year program to support full Internet connectivity in up to twenty African nations. The agenda for the meeting will cover how the U.S. plans to implement the Leland Initiative. We will address the three components of the Initiative: policies, infrastructure and approaches to assure wide use of the Internet. Questions regarding the agenda may be directed to John Mack, Department of State, at 202-647-5778.

Members of the general public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. In this regard, entry to the building is controlled. If you wish to attend, please send a fax to 202-647-0158 not later than 1 week before the scheduled meeting.

One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: February 29, 1996.

Richard E. Shrum,

ITAC Executive Director.

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Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection as provided by 5 CFR Section 1320.8(d)(1). Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Acting Agency Clearance Officer: Wilma H. McCauley, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street (CST 13B), Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801; (423) 751-2523.

Comments should be sent to the Acting Agency Clearance Officer no later than May 10, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Regular submission, proposal to extend without revision a currently approved collection of information (OMB control number 3316-0016).

Title of Information Collection: Farmer Questionnaire-Vicinity of Nuclear Power Plants.

Frequency of Use: On occasion.

Type of Affected Public: Individuals or households, and farms.

Small Business or Organizations Affected: No.

Federal Budget Functional Category Code: 271.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: .5.

Need For and Use of Information:

This survey is used to locate, for monitoring purposes, rural residents, home gardens, and milk animals within a five mile radius of a nuclear power plant. The monitoring program is a mandatory requirement of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission set out in the technical specifications when the plants were licensed.

William S. Moore,

Senior Manager, Administrative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2352]

United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc on the Leland Initiative: Africa GII Gateway; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces the first meeting of the United States International Telecommunications

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as Amended by P.L. 104-13; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The Tennessee Valley

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Establishment

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") Establishment.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

⁸ 15 U.S.C. § 78o-3(b)(6) (1988).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1994).

(FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 C.F.R. Part 101-6, section 101-6, 1015(a), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is giving notice of the establishment of an advisory committee to address railroad safety issues. This committee will provide recommendations and comments and will be known as the "Railroad Safety Advisory Committee" (RSAC).

DATES: On or about April 1, 1996, FRA will file the Committee's charter with the General Services Administration, the Library of Congress, and all Congressional committees with jurisdiction over FRA, as required by section 9(c) of FACA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards Program Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-0897, or Lisa Levine, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, 202-366-0621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA has concluded that the continued use of *ad hoc* collaborative procedures for appropriate rulemakings is not the most effective means of accomplishing our goal of achieving a more consensual regulatory program. Instead, FRA believes that establishing an advisory committee to address railroad safety issues will provide the best opportunity for creating a consensual regulatory program in order to inform the Administrator in the conduct of her statutory responsibilities. The formation and use of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee are determined to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Secretary, and delegated to the Federal Railroad Administrator, by the federal railroad safety statutes (49 U.S.C. 20101-21311).

The Committee will provide a continuing forum for advice and recommendations on railroad safety issues. As all interested segments of the railroad industry will be represented on the Committee, all of FRA's customers will have a more direct role in shaping FRA's regulatory program. The Committee will allow management, labor, FRA and other interested parties cooperatively to address safety problems by identifying the best solutions based on agreed-upon facts, and, where regulation appears necessary, identify regulatory options to implement these solutions.

Committee Composition

The Administrator is the sponsor of the Committee and will designate the members of the Committee. The Administrator's representative (the Associate Administrator for Safety or that person's delegate) shall serve as Chairperson for the Committee. The Committee is authorized to constitute an Executive Committee and such subcommittees as the Administrator and the Committee find necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

The Committee will have sufficient diversity to ensure the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced with points of view representative of those interested in railroad issues, including those of railroad owners, manufacturers, labor groups, state government groups, and public interest associations. In order to foster harmonization of railroad safety standards at their inception, the agencies with regulatory responsibility for railroad safety in both Canada and Mexico will be extended Associate Memberships that will not include any voting rights.

Meetings and Recordkeeping

Timely notice of committee and subcommittee meetings will be published in the Federal Register at least 15 days before the meeting, except in exceptional circumstances, where the reasons for giving less than 15 days notice will be explained in the Federal Register notice. Each meeting of the Committee shall be open to the public, except as authorized by Section 10(d) of FACA, as implemented by 41 C.F.R. Part 101-6. Persons wishing to appear before the Committee will have to make prior arrangements to do so. Written materials may be submitted to the Committee at any time. Each meeting will be held at a reasonable time, in a place reasonably accessible to the public, and in a room large enough to accommodate the Committee members, staff, and interested members of the public.

Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, the records, reports, transcripts, minutes and other documents that are made available to, or prepared for or by, the Committee will be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20594. Fees will be charged for information furnished to the public in accordance with the fee schedule published in Part

7 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

Jolene M. Molitoris,
Administrator.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

International Harmonization of Safety Standards; Calendar of Meetings

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will continue its participation during this year in the international meetings to harmonize U.S. and foreign motor vehicle safety standards. These meetings will be conducted by the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP29) under the Inland Transport Committee of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), and by the six Meetings of Experts (formerly called Groups of Rapporteurs) of WP29. The NHTSA currently represents the United States in all of the Meetings of Experts except those on Pollution and on Noise.

DATES: For a list of scheduled meetings, see the Supplementary Information section of this Notice. Inquiries or comments related to specific meetings should be made at least two weeks preceding that meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francis J. Turpin, Office of International Harmonization (NOA-05), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202-366-2114).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This calendar consists of those ECE meetings currently scheduled. It is published for information and planning purposes and the meeting dates and places are subject to change. NHTSA attendance at these meetings will be affected by agenda content, priorities and availability of travel funds.

March 11, 1996

Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work of WP29 + (AC.2), Sixtieth Session—Geneva, Switzerland.

March 12-15, 1996

Inland Transport Committee, Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP29), One Hundred-and-Eighth Session—Geneva, Switzerland.

April 1-4, 1996