

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public meeting)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 5-0 on January 13, 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 Direct Final Rulemaking: Privatization Act—Conforming Changes and Revision to the NRC Enforcement Policy (NUREG-1600)" be held on January 13, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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Dated: January 17, 1997.

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

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of Data Collection Forms

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of data collection forms. The Establishment Information Form, the Wage Data Collection Form, and the Continuation

Form are wage survey forms developed by OPM and used by two lead agencies, the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Data collectors survey 21,200 businesses annually to determine the level of wages paid by private enterprise establishments for representative jobs common to both private industry and Government. Each survey collection requires 1-4 hours of respondent burden, resulting in a total yearly burden of 75,800 hours. The lead agencies use this information to establish rates of pay for Federal Wage System employees. For copies of this proposal contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 6H31, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Angela Graham Humes, Wage Systems Division, (202) 606-2848.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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[OPM Form 1622]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised employment information collection. The form is used in conjunction with Project ABLE (ABLE BENEFICIARIES' LINK to EMPLOYERS). OPM Form 1622, "Project ABLE Enrollment Form," is used by authorized State Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors. Project ABLE is designed to enhance Federal job opportunities for people with disabilities who are job ready and want to work. The Social Security Administration identifies those persons

who may complete the enrollment process. Information on eligible enrollees is stored in OPM's Automated Applicant Referral System (AARS).

It is estimated that no more than 1,000 enrollments will be processed annually. Each form takes approximately 5 minutes (.08 hours) to complete. The annual estimated burden is 80 hours. For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Armando E. Rodriguez, Director, Office of Diversity, Employment Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 6332, Washington, DC 20415 and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: John Riedel-Alvarez, Office of Diversity, (202) 606-2409.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of January 20, 1997.

A closed meeting will be held on Friday, January 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Friday, January 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

Injunction and settlement of injunctive actions.

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-38170; File No. SR-CHX-96-28]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Clearing The Post

January 15, 1997.

On November 4, 1996, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" 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 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend Article XX, Rule 10, interpretations and policies .01 relating to clearing the post.

Notice of the proposal was published for comment and appeared in the Federal Register on November 25, 1996.³ No comments were received on the Exchange proposal. This order approves the Exchange proposal.

I. Description

On May 30, 1996, the Commission approved the CHX's Minor Rule Violations Plan ("Plan").⁴ The Exchange's clearing the post rule, Article XX, Rule 10 was included under the Plan, making violations of this rule subject to the summary fine procedures contained in the Plan. Pursuant to Article XX, Rule 10, interpretations and policies .01, violators of the Exchange's clearing the post rule are currently subject to automatic fines of a minimum

of fifty dollars, to be assessed by the Exchange's Committee on Floor Procedure.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to eliminate the authority of the Exchange's Committee on Floor Procedure with respect to assessing fines for violations of the clearing the post rule. The Exchange believes that minor violations of the clearing the post rule are better handled through the new summary fine procedures contained in the Plan rather than through the Committee on Floor Procedure. The Exchange further believes that using the Plan as the lone summary fine procedure will achieve a uniform procedure for imposing fines for violations of this Exchange rule.

II. Discussion

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange. The Commission believes the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) and Section 6(b)(6).⁵ More specifically, the Commission believes the proposal is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.⁶

An Exchange's ability to effectively enforce compliance by its members and member organizations with Exchange rules is central to its self-regulatory functions. The Exchange's earlier inclusion of the clearing the post rule under the Plan was intended to make the Exchange's disciplinary system more efficient in prosecuting more egregious and/or repeated violations of this rule, thereby furthering its mandates to protect investors and the public interest.⁷ Under the Plan, the staff of the Exchange presents the facts supporting violative conduct to a Minor Rule Violation Panel ("Panel"), which consists of three floor members appointed by the President of the Exchange.⁸ The Panel is then authorized

⁵ 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(5) and 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(6).

⁶ In approving this rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rules' impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. § 78c(f).

⁷ The Minor Rule Violations Panel has the authority to recommend that the Exchange commence a formal disciplinary proceeding. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37255 supra note 4.

⁸ A Minor Rule Violation Panel must consist of one member of the Committee on Floor Procedure, one member of the Committee's Rules

to either impose the fine, reject the staff's recommendation, or recommend that the Exchange commence a formal disciplinary proceeding under Article XII of the CHX rules. If the staff decides not to recommend the commencement of a formal disciplinary proceeding, the Panel is required to impose a fine in accordance with the provisions of the procedure. The Exchange has made a reasonable determination that preserving a similar summary fine procedure vested in the Committee on Floor Procedure is unnecessary and redundant.

The Commission believes the proposal is consistent with the Section 6(b)(6) requirement that the members of an exchange be appropriately disciplined for violations of the rules of the exchange. Under the plan, minor violations of the clearing the post rule are punishable by a minimum fine of \$100 (as opposed to a minimum \$50 fine imposed by the Committee on Floor Procedure). Eliminating the authority of the Committee on Floor Procedure to fine violations of the clearing the post rule thereby serves to eliminate a potentially inconsistent fine amount and procedure, and ensures a uniform summary fine procedure for minor violations of the clearing the post rule.

III. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁹ that the proposed rule change (SR-CHX-96-28) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-38153; File No. SR-PTC-96-08]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Participants Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Extending the Time for the Close of the Collateral Loan Facility and the Deadline for Participant Payment of Settlement Obligations

January 10, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Subcommittee, and one member not on the Committee or any of its subcommittees. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37255 supra note 4.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(1) (1988).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4 (1994).

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37964 (November 19, 1996), 61 FR 59918 (November 25, 1996).

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37255 (May 30, 1996), 61 FR 28918 (approving File No. SR-CHX-95-25).