

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security. Effective August 27, 1998.

Department of Health and Human Services

Associate Commissioner for Family and Youth Services to the Commissioner, Administration for Children and Youth Families. Effective August 14, 1998.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 14, 1998.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 14, 1998.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective August 24, 1998.

Director of Executive Services to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective August 31, 1998.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant for Scheduling to the Deputy Director for External Affairs. Effective August 6, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service. Effective August 19, 1998.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Pension Benefits and Welfare Administration. Effective August 5, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. Effective August 5, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Secretary (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 10, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary. Effective August 27, 1998.

Department of State

Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs (Bureau of Western Affairs). Effective August 12, 1998.

Foreign Affairs Officer to the Under Secretary for Global Affairs. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective August 31, 1998.

Department of Transportation

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration. Effective August 14, 1998.

Department of the Treasury

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective August 12, 1998.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective August 14, 1998.

National Endowment for the Arts

Staff Assistant to the Chairman. Effective August 26, 1998.

Office of Management and Budget

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs. Effective August 6, 1998.

Office of Personnel Management

Director of Media Relations/Press Secretary to the Director of Communications. Effective August 21, 1998.

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs. Effective August 26, 1998.

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Special Assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer. Effective August 14, 1998.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Secretary to the Director, Corporate Finance. Effective August 27, 1998.

Small Business Administration

Assistant General Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective August 12, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for GS/MED. Effective August 27, 1998.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant (Economics) to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 12, 1998.

United States Information Agency

Confidential Assistant to the Voice of America Director. Effective August 26, 1998.

United States Tax Court

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 5, 1998.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 5, 1998.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 10, 1998.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P. 218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

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

Extension: Rule 17a-3, SEC File No. 270-26, OMB Control No. 3235-0033

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17a-3 [17 CFR 40.17a-3] under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires records to be made by certain exchange members, brokers, and dealers, to be used in monitoring compliance with the Commission's financial responsibility program and antifraud and antimanipulative rules as well as other rules and regulations of the Commission and the self-regulatory organizations. It is estimated that approximately 7,786 active broker-dealer respondents registered with the Commission incur an average burden of 1,938,714 hours per year to comply with this rule.

Rule 17a-3 does not contain record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. The required records are available only to the examination staff of the Commission and the self-regulatory organization of which the broker-dealer is a member. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be

directed to the following person: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-40516; File No. SR-CHX-98-7]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendments No. 1, 2, and 3 to the Proposed Rule by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. Regarding Maintenance Standards and Listing Requirements.

September 30, 1998.

I. Introduction

On March 18, 1998, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") a proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder.² In the filing, the CHX proposed rule amendments that would set forth listing and maintenance requirements for securities that are also listed on another primary market and modify the maintenance and delisting standards for securities listed on Tier II of the Exchange. Notice of the proposed rule change was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 1998.³ No comments were received on the proposal. On June 15, 1998, the CHX submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁴ Amendment No.

2 was subsequently filed on August 20, 1998.⁵ A final amendment to the proposal was filed with the Commission on September 30, 1998.⁶ This order approves the proposed rule change as amended. Amendments No. 1, 2, and 3 are herein approved on an accelerated basis.

II. Description of the Proposal

the Exchange proposes to amend CHX listing and maintenance requirements as set forth in Exchange Rules 14, 15, 16, 17 and 22 of Article XXVIII and the Interpretation and Policy .01 of Rule 2 of Article XXVIII. the proposed rule amendment relate to four general listing issues: (i) Tier II listing standards for stock warrants, (ii) listing application requirements for securities that are listed or approved for listing on certain other markets, (iii) delisting of a security for lack of sufficient trading volume, and (iv) the elimination of certain maintenance listing standards for securities currently listed on certain other markets.

A. Tier II Stock Warrants

The Exchange does not currently have maintenance standards for stock warrants listed on Tier II of the Exchange. The proposed rule change would revise Rule 22(b) under Article XXVIII to require that, in the case of Tier II stock warrants, the common stock of the company or other security underlying the stock warrants meets the applicable Tier II maintenance requirements. Similar requirements currently exist for stock warrants listed pursuant to the Exchange's Tier I listing standards, which in general are subject to quantitatively and qualitatively higher standard than Tier II listed securities.⁷ By adopting the proposed maintenance standards for Tier II stock warrants, the rule change would permit the Exchange to delist stock warrants that do not have adequate backing of an underlying security.

June 15, 1998, the terms of Amendment No. 1 to the proposal are discussed in Section II of this approval order.

⁵ See Letter from Patricia Levy, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, CHX, to Sarrita Cypress, SEC, Division of Market Regulation, dated August 20, 1998. The terms of Amendment No. 2 to the proposal are discussed in Section II of this approval order.

⁶ See Letter from Andre E. Owens, Schiff Hardin & Waite, to Sharon Lawson, Division of Market Regulation, dated September 30, 1998. The terms of Amendment No. 3 to the proposal are discussed in Section II of this approval order.

⁷ See CHX Rule 17(a)(1) under Article XXVIII.

B. Listing Application Requirements for Certain Securities Listed on Other Markets

Currently, the Exchange may list a security of an issuer that is listed or has been approved for listing on another primary market. The proposed rule change would add a new Interpretation .03 to Article XXVIII to state that if the Exchange chooses to list, under either Tier I or Tier II, a security listed or approved for listing, within the past twelve months, on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), the American Stock Exchange ("Amex"), except for Emerging Company Marketplace ("ECM") securities,⁸ or the Nasdaq National Market, the issuer shall not be required to fulfill all the requirements for an original listing application.

Specifically, the issuer shall be required to submit to the Exchange (1) a copy of the application for listing on the NYSE, Amex or Nasdaq National Market, together with all supporting materials, (2) a board resolution of the issuer authorizing listing on the Exchange, (3) the issuer's latest Form 10-K, most recent three Form 10-Qs, and most recent proxy statement (for non-IPOs), or the issuer's latest registration statement and exhibits (for IPOs), (4) the required listing fee, (5) an executed Exchange listing agreement, (6) evidence of approval for listing by the NYSE, Amex or Nasdaq National Market, (7) a specimen stock certificate, (8) the issuer's registration statement filed under the Act, and (9) a Letter of Reliance authorizing the Exchange to process the application and supporting materials in lieu of an original listing application. In addition to the nine enumerated items required for the alternative listing application, Amendment No. 1 to the proposal requires the issuer to submit to the Exchange any other information deemed appropriate by the Exchange in order to render a decision concerning listing eligibility.

Amendment No. 1 also revises the instructions for the preparation of an original listing application set forth in the Interpretation and Policy .01 of Rule 2 under Article XXVIII to delete the requirement that financial statements certified by independent public

⁸ The Amex has discontinued the listing of new companies on the ECM and eliminated ECM guidelines that allow for such new listings. Companies previously approved for trading on the Amex as ECM listed companies continue to trade on the Amex until they graduate to the Amex's main list by meeting the appropriate listing standards, or delist, either voluntarily or because they fail to meet the ECM listing standards. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36079 (August 9, 1995), 60 FR 42926 (August 17, 1995), approving the discontinuation of the ECM.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39906 (April 23, 1998), 63 FR 23821.

⁴ See Letter from Patricia Levy, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, CHX, to Sarrita Cypress, SEC, Division of Market Regulation, dated