

Exchange Trading System ("POETS")<sup>3</sup> for the Market Maker. Under the proposed rule change, the fee would be increased to \$0.50 per trade for each manual ticket transaction entered into POETS for the Market Maker.

## 2. Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)<sup>4</sup> of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),<sup>5</sup> in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>6</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</sup> At any time within 60 days of filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and

arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-99-47 and should be submitted by December 22, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 1999-6091]

### Information Collection by Agency Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the Information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information that we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before January 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to both (1) the Docket Management System (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401,

400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG-1999-6091 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions on the docket.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published ((64 FR 45993 (August 23, 1999)) the 60-day notice required by OMB. That request elicited one comment.

The comment concerned ICR 2115-0549—Requirements for the Use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Compressed Natural Gas as Cooking Fuel on Passenger Vessels. It cited as a "problem" two sentences in the ICR, which it quoted as follows: (1) "One section of [our regulations] requires the posting of two placards which contain operating instructions and safety precautions for the gas cooking appliance and gas system." (2) "The information provided by the placards is to be used by any person operating cooking appliances to ensure [that they are] operated in a safe manner." It conceded that "these are certainly reasonable requirements," but it maintained that the "regulations are defective in that" they incorporate the requirements by reference to standards of the American Boat and Yacht Council or the National Fire Protection Association rather than state them in their text. [Emphases in original] It further conceded that the markings should be required, as they are, but it further maintained that the regulations should set forth the substance of the markings or at least make explicit the

<sup>3</sup> POETS is PCX's automated options trading system comprised of an options order routing system, an automatic and semi-automatic execution system, an on-line limit order book system, and an automatic market update system. See generally Exchange Act Release No. 27633 (Jan. 18, 1990), 55 FR 2466 (Jan. 24, 1990) (order approving SR-PSE-89-26).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2). In reviewing the proposal, the Commission has considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

fact of their being required, as they do not.

While the comment was a good one, it pertained to the underlying regulation instead of the ICR itself. On October 25, 1999, we replied to the comment—explaining among other things that we had incorporated the requirements by reference, rather than set them forth in full, for the sake of economy—and we sent copies of comment and response to OMB.

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Numbers of all ICRs addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 1999-6091. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

#### Information Collection Requests

*Title:* Application for Tonnage Measurement of Vessels. *OMB Control Number:* 2115-0086.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Vessel owners.

*Form(s):* CG-5397.

*Abstract:* The information collected determines a vessel's tonnage. Tonnage in turn determines licensing, inspection, safety requirements, and operating fees.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 27,600 hours annually.

*Title:* Requirements for the Use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Compressed Natural Gas as Cooking Fuel on Passenger Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0549.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators of passenger vessels.

*Forms:* N/A.

*Abstract:* The collection of information takes the form of a requirement that passenger vessels have

posted two placards, which contain safety and operating instructions on the use of cooking appliances that use liquefied gas or compressed natural gas.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 2,362 hours annually.

*Title:* Records Relating to Citizenship of Personnel on Units Engaged in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Activities.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0143.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Operators of vessels and units engaged in activities on the OCS.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* Vessels and units engaged in activities on the OCS (exploration and exploitation of offshore resources such as gas and oil) must be manned and crewed by U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens (43 U.S.C. 1356). The collection of information imposed by 33 CFR 141.35 takes the form of a requirement that employers maintain records demonstrating compliance.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 449 hours annually.

*Title:* Oil and Hazardous Material Pollution Prevention and Safety Records, Equivalents/Alternatives and Exemptions.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0096.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Operators of facilities handling and vessels carrying bulk oil and hazardous materials.

*Form(s):* CG-4602B.

*Abstract:* The information collected will minimize the number and impact of pollution discharges and accidents occurring during transfer of oil or hazardous materials. It will also help to evaluate proposed alternatives and requests for exemptions.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 1,840 hours annually.

*Title:* Ships Carrying Bulk Hazardous Liquids.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0089.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Operators of chemical tank vessels.

*Form(s):* N/A

*Abstract:* The information collected ensures compliance with our rules governing ships carrying bulk hazardous liquids.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 471 hours annually.

*Title:* Barges Carrying Bulk Hazardous Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0541.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Operators of tank barges.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* The information collected ensures the safe shipment of bulk hazardous liquids in barges. It ensures that barges meet safety standards and that crewmembers have the information necessary to operate barges safely.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 11,724 hours annually.

*Title:* Facilities Transferring Oil or Hazardous Materials in Bulk—Letter of Intent.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0077.

*Affected Public:* Facility operators.

*Forms:* N/A

*Abstract:* Each waterfront facility that intends to transfer oil or hazardous materials in bulk to or from vessels must notify the Coast Guard Captain of the Port by submitting information in the form of a letter of intent to operate. This letter identifies the owner and operator of the facility for purposes of enforcement and contact.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 460 hours annually.

*Title:* Oil and Hazardous Materials Transfer Procedures and Waste Management Plans.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0120.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators, of vessels and facilities.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* This rule requires each vessel with a capacity of 250 barrels or more of oil or hazardous materials to develop and maintain procedures that specify measures for safely operating transfer systems. It also requires each oceangoing ship of 40 feet or more in length, engaged in commerce or equipped with a galley or berth, to develop and maintain a waste-management plan for the handling and disposal of ship-generated garbage.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 14,302 hours annually.

*Title:* Plan Approval and Records for Marine Engineering Systems—46 CFR Subchapter F.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0142.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and builders of commercial vessels.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* The information collected takes the form of owners' and builders' of commercial vessels submitting to the Coast Guard, for review and approval, plans for marine-engineering systems to ensure that the vessels will meet regulatory standards.

*Title:* National Response Resource Inventory.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0606.

*Affected Public:* Oil-spill-removal organizations.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* The information collected should improve the effectiveness of deploying response equipment in the event of an oil spill. It may also serve in the development of contingency plans.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 1,446 hours annually.

*Title:* Identification Markings on Lifesaving, Fire Protection, and Emergency Equipment.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0577.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Safety-equipment manufacturers, owners and operators of vessels.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* Lifesaving, fire-protection, and emergency equipment must be identified by its manufacturer, model number, capacity, approval number, and other information concerning its performance. Markings help the owners and operators of vessels and the Coast Guard to determine compliance with regulations.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 4,012 hours annually.

*Title:* Periodic Gauging and Engineering Analyses for Certain Tank Vessels Over 30 Years Old.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0603.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators of certain tank vessels.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requires the issuance of regulations for the structural integrity of tank vessels, including periodic gauging of the plating thickness of tank vessels over 30 years old. The information collected helps to verify the structural integrity of older tank vessels.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 11,724 hours annually.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**G.N. Naccara,**

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 23, 1999.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. **DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 3, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1425.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-55-93 TEMP and NPRM.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Certain Elections for Intangible Property.

*Description:* The information is required by the IRS to aid it in administering the law and preventing manipulation. The information will be used to verify that a taxpayer is properly reporting its amortization and income taxes. The likely respondents are businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (once, 1993 tax return).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 100 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1511.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-209828-96 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Nuclear Decommissioning Funds; Revised Schedules of Ruling Amounts.

*Description:* The regulations revise the requirements for requesting a schedule of ruling amounts based on a formula or method.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 20.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 100 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning an extension, without change, of an information collection titled Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions—12 CFR 12. The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review.

**DATES:** You should submit your written comments to both OCC and the OMB Reviewer by January 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You should send your written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0142, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you can send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request additional information, a copy of the collection, or a copy of the supporting documentation submitted to