

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps gives notice of the availability of its information quality guidelines. The guidelines are required by law and are intended to ensure and maximize the quality of information disseminated to the public by the Peace Corps. The guidelines are based on those issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369–378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451–8460). The guidelines set out the Agency's policies and procedures for ensuring the quality (objectivity, utility, and integrity) of information provided to the public. The guidelines also establish administrative mechanisms permitting affected persons to seek and obtain, where appropriate, timely correction of information maintained and disseminated by the Agency that does not comply with the OMB or its own guidelines. These guidelines represent Agency policy and procedures and have no legal effect and do not create any legal rights or obligations.

DATES: The guidelines are effective upon their issuance on the Peace Corps public Web site <http://www.peacecorps.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne B. Glasow, Associate general Counsel, 202–692–2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB issued guidelines on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369–378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451–8460), to implement Section 151 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106–554, HR 5658). Section 515 and the OMB Guidelines require each federal agency subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act to issue its own guidelines that provide policies and procedures used by the Agency to ensure the objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the Agency. The guidelines must also establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to obtain correction of information disseminated to the public that does not comply with OMB and Agency guidelines. The Peace Corps published proposed guidelines in the **Federal Register** on August 21, 2002, and requested public comment on the guidelines. See 67 FR 54329. The Agency received no comments from the public. The Agency did receive comments and guidance from OMB that have been integrated into the final guidelines. The guidelines may be accessed on the Agency's public Web site at <http://www.peacecorps.gov> or by written request addressed to Suzanne B. Glasow, Office of the General Counsel,

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Tyler S. Posey,
General Counsel.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Approval of Collection of Information; Extension of Expiration Date

Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report: SEC File No. 270–503. OMB Control No. 3235–0558.

Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP: SEC File No. 270–502. OMB Control No. 3235–0557.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the Commission's collection of information entitled "Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report" (OMB Control No. 3235–0558). In addition, OMB has granted the Commission's request for an extension of the expiration date for its approved collection entitled "Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP" (OMB Control No. 3235–0557). The new expiration date for this collection of information is December 31, 2002.

In March 2002, the Commission adopted rules and promulgated orders to assure a continuing and orderly flow of information to investors and the U.S. capital markets and to minimize potential disruptions that might occur as a result of the indictment of Arthur Andersen LLP.¹ These rules and orders contained collection of information requirements and the Commission submitted these requirements to OMB pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507, 5 CFR 1320.11, and 5 CFR 1320.13. OMB approved the collection of information requirements. 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 OMB control number. Compliance with the disclosure requirements is mandatory for those taking advantage of the relief offered by the rules and orders. There is no mandatory retention period for the information disclosed, and responses to

the disclosure requirements will not be kept confidential. Comments concerning the accuracy of the burden estimates described below and suggestions for reducing these burdens should be directed to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609, with reference to File No. 270–502 or 270–503.

Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report. The Federal securities laws require companies to include in their registration statements the consent of auditors for use of their reports related to the three previous years' audits. For Andersen clients unable to obtain these consents, the rules adopted in March waived the obligation to obtain an auditor's consent for years before 2001, provided that the company discloses any limitations on remedies resulting from the lack of consents. In addition, the federal securities laws require certain issuers that change auditors to obtain from their predecessor auditor a reissued accountants' report for previously audited financial statements. Under the rules adopted in March, if the issuer is unable to obtain the accountants' report after reasonable efforts, the issuer may provide a copy of the latest previously issued accountants' report, as long as it discloses that the report is a copy of a report previously issued and that the report has not been reissued by Andersen. This collection of information is necessary to advise potential purchasers of securities and investors of certain information that they would not receive otherwise.

When we proposed this collection of information, we estimated that the disclosures associated with the waiver of consents would require one half hour, and that the disclosures associated with the waiver of the predecessor auditor's reissued report would also require one half hour. We estimated that the total number of burden hours associated with this collection of information would be 3,182.5. We solicited, but did not receive, comments on our estimates of the burden associated with this collection of information. The approval for this collection of information expires on May 31, 2005.

Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP (OMB Control No. 3235–0557). As described in detail in Release No. 33–8070 (Mar. 18, 2002), 67 FR 13518 (Mar. 22, 2002), this collection of information encompasses certain new disclosures required by certain clients of Andersen. In general, public companies for whom Andersen does not complete audits or reviews have been allowed to file unaudited

¹ Release Nos. 33–8070, 34–45589, IC–25463, IA–2017, 35–27502 (Mar. 18, 2002); 67 FR 13518 (Mar. 22, 2002).

financial statements, rather than audited ones, in order to meet existing periodic reporting, proxy statement, tender offer, and registration requirements, as long as they disclose that the financial statements are unaudited (or not reviewed), provide audited (or reviewed) financial statements at a later date, and explain any material differences between the unaudited and audited financial statements. In certain cases where Andersen clients were required to submit a consent or a reissued accountants' report from their auditor, but cannot obtain the consent or the reissued accountants' report, those requirements have been waived provided the filing includes appropriate disclosure. The disclosures regarding consents and reissued accountants' reports were also approved by OMB as the stand-alone collection of information described above. The collection of information is necessary to ensure that the market receives disclosure from clients of Andersen that are taking advantage of this relief. The collection of information supplies investors with information they may not otherwise have and helps prevent confusion.

When we adopted this collection of information² we estimated that the total number of burden hours associated with this collection of information is 12,783. We requested approval from OMB to extend the expiration date for this collection of information. OMB granted this request. The new expiration date for this collection of information is December 31, 2002.

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Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; (Digital Fusion, Inc., Common Stock, \$.01 par value) File No. 0-24073

September 27, 2002.

Digital Fusion, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the BSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on August 12, 2002 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the BSE. In making the decision to withdraw its Security from the BSE, the Board of the Issuer represents that the Security has been quoted on the Nasdaq Small Cap Market since 1998. The Issuer's application relates solely to the Security's withdrawal from listing on the BSE and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before October 18, 2002, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the BSE 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.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27570]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

September 27, 2002.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing has been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application/declaration for a complete statements of the proposed transaction summarized below. The application/declaration is available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application/declaration should submit their views in writing by October 22, 2002, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant/declarant at the address specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After October 22, 2002, the application/declaration, as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Allegheny Energy, Inc., et al. (70-7888)

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("Allegheny"), 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland, a registered public utility holding company; its direct wholly owned public utility company subsidiaries Monongahela Power Company ("Monongahela Power"), 1310 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554, The Potomac Edison Company ("Potomac Edison"), 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 and West Penn Power Company ("West Penn"), 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601; its indirect wholly owned public utility subsidiaries Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer Gas"),¹ 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 and Allegheny Generating Company ("AGC"),² 10435 Downsville Pike,

¹ Mountaineer Gas is wholly owned by Monongahela.

² AGC is jointly owned by Monongahela (27%) and Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC (73%)

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² Release No. 33-8090 (Mar. 18, 2002); 67 FR 13518 (Mar. 22, 2002).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).