

The proposed change involves revision of the NMC&A scale usage TSRs to permit weighing on any operable scale instead of specified scales. Because there is no effluent release associated with this change, the proposed changes will not affect the effluent.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed changes do not relate to controls used to minimize occupational radiation exposures, therefore, the changes will not increase exposure.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed changes will not result in any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed changes will allow any operable scale, instead of specified scales, to be used for weight verification. The proposed changes do no affect the potential for or radiological or chemical consequences from previously evaluated accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

Changing the TSR requirements for the NMC&A scales allows any operable scale to be used for weight verification prior to heating the uranium hexafluoride cylinder. The accident scenario of heating an overfilled cylinder has already been analyzed. The proposed changes would not create new operating conditions or new plant configuration that could lead to a new or different type of accident.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The margin of safety defined for heating cylinders is the percent ullage or void space required to heat a cylinder. The ullage is not affected by this change. The proposed TSR will still require the use of operable scales, therefore, the ability to verify that the proper amount of ullage will be maintained during heating is not affected. The change to allow any operable scale instead of a specified scale is to provide operational flexibility in case a scale is inoperable. These changes do not decrease the margins of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

Implementation of the proposed changes do not change the safety, safeguards, or security programs. Therefore, the effectiveness of the safety, safeguards, and security programs is not decreased.

*Effective date:* The amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP-1 becomes effective 30 days after being signed by the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

*Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-1:* Amendment will revise Technical Safety Requirements for the NMC&A scale usage and the SAR discussion on scale usage.

*Local Public Document Room location:* Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Carl J. Paperiello,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Postal Service Board of Governors.

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Notification of Item Added to Meeting Agenda

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 5, 1997.

**STATUS:** Open.

**PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 62 FR 38331, July 17, 1997.

**CHANGE:** Addition of the following item to the open meeting agenda:

4. Capital Investments.

c. Additional Funding Request for the Northwest Boston Processing and Distribution Center in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kenneth C. Weaver, Assistant Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**Kenneth C. Weaver,**

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Public Service Pension Questionnaires; OMB 3220-0136 Public Law 95-216 amended the Social Security Act of 1977 by providing, in part, that spouse or survivor benefits may be reduced when the beneficiary is in receipt of a pension based on employment with a Federal, State, or local governmental unit.

Initially, the reduction was equal to the full amount of the government pension. Public Law 98-21, changed the reduction to two-thirds of the amount of the government pension. Sections 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides that a spouse or survivor annuity should be equal in amount to what the annuitant would receive if entitled to a like benefit from the Social Security Administration. Therefore, the public service pension (PSP) reduction provision applies to RRA annuities.

Regulations pertaining to the collection of evidence relating to public service pensions or worker's compensation paid to spouse or survivor applicants or annuitants are found in 20 CFR 219.64c.

The RRB utilizes Form G-208, Public Service Pension Questionnaire, and Form G-212, Public Service Monitoring Questionnaire, to obtain information used to determine whether an annuity reduction is in order. Completion is voluntary. However, failure to complete the forms could result in the nonpayment of benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes to revise Form G-208 to add an item that requests the

effective date of a PSP recipient's next scheduled increase. The addition of language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and minor nonburden impacting editorial and reformatting changes are also proposed. The RRB also proposes a change to Form G-212 to add an item requesting the effective date of a PSP recipient's next scheduled cost-of-living increase. Minor nonburden impacting editorial and reformatting changes are also proposed. The completion time for the G-208 is estimated at 10 minutes. The completion time for the G-212 is estimated at 3 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 7,000 G-208's and 700 G-212's are completed annually.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the NASD Clarifying the Operation of SOES

July 17, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on July 14, 1997, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the NASD. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule

The NASD is submitting this rule filing to clarify the operation of The Nasdaq Stock Market's ("Nasdaq") Small Order Execution System ("SOES") during non-locked and crossed market situations. Specifically, the NASD proposes to amend NASD Rule 4730(b)(1) to more explicitly state the process by which unpreferred market orders are executed in SOES. In particular, Rule 4730(b)(1) is being amended to clarify that once SOES executes an unpreferred market or marketable limit order against a SOES market maker, that market maker is not required to execute another unpreferred SOES order at the same bid or offer in the same security until seventeen seconds has elapsed, absent a quotation update by the market maker within such seventeen second period. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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NASD Rule 4730. Participant Obligations in SOES

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#### (b) Market Makers

(1) A SOES Market Maker shall commence participation in SOES by initially contacting the SOES Operation Center to obtain authorization for the trading of a particular SOES security and identifying those terminals on which the SOES information is to be displayed and thereafter by an appropriate keyboard entry which obligates the firm, so long as it remains a Market Maker in SOES:

(A) for any security for which it is a SOES Market Maker, to execute individual orders in sizes equal to or smaller than the maximum order size; and

(B) for any NNM security for which it is a Market Maker, to execute individual orders equal in the aggregate to the minimum exposure limit.

*After SOES has executed an order against a Market Maker, that Market Maker[s] shall not be [have a period of time following their receipt of an execution report in which to update their quotation in the security in question before being] required to execute another unpreferred order at the same bid or offer in the same security until a predetermined time period has elapsed from the time the order was executed, as measured by the time of execution in the Nasdaq system, provided the Market Maker has not updated its quotation (bid, offer, or size) within such time period, in which case the Market Maker will become immediately eligible to receive another execution of an*

*unpreferred order.* This period of time shall initially be established as 17 [15] seconds, but may be modified upon Commission approval and appropriate notification to SOES participants. All entries in SOES shall be made in accordance with the requirements set forth in the SOES User Guide.

### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the NASD included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The NASD has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The NASD is submitting this proposal to clarify the process by which SOES executes unpreferred market and marketable limit orders. Presently, NASD Rule 4730(b)(1) provides that:

Market Makers shall have a period of time following their receipt of an execution report in which to update their quotation in the security in question before being required to execute another unpreferred order at the same bid or offer in the same security. This period of time shall initially be established as 15 seconds, but may be modified upon appropriate notification to SOES participants. . . .

This rule language was added to the NASD's rules in October 1991 so that SOES market makers would be afforded a brief fifteen-second opportunity to update their quotations in response to executions received through SOES ("15-Second SOES Execution Response Period"). As the current language of Rule 4730(b) reflects, the "15-Second SOES Execution Response Period" commences when a market maker has received notification of a SOES execution through the system. Indeed, the description of the "15-Second SOES Execution Response Period" in the SEC's order approving the provision provides that "[f]ollowing receipt of an execution report of an unpreferred purchase or sale through SOES, a market maker will have a quote of time (15 seconds) to update its quote prior to executing any subsequent transaction on the same side of the market at the same