

during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with Mr. Sam Duraiswamy if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EDT at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: September 14, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Twenty-Seventh Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Twenty-Seventh Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be held on October 25-27, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

The Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be opened by the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Office Director, Ashok C. Thadani. Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield will be the keynote speaker for the plenary session on Monday, October 25, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by an expert panel addressing the issue of the impact of emerging technologies on nuclear safety research. Panel members include NRC Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.; Sigma Xi Director and Former NRC Chairman, John Ahearne; EPRI Vice President, S&T Development & Chief Nuclear Officer, Robin Jones; NEI President & CEO, Joe Colvin; Framatome's Vice President of Corporate Research, Technology & Quality, M. A. Vallee; and the Department of Energy's Director of Nuclear Energy Science, & Technology, Bill Magwood. Technical sessions will be held in the afternoon. Chairman Greta J. Dicus will be the guest speaker on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by technical sessions that will last until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, technical sessions will be held in the morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a plenary session featuring an expert panel addressing the issue of how best to focus both on safety and unnecessary burden reduction—the research role, will be held in the afternoon. Panel members include former NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Office Director, Thomas Murley; NRC ACRS Chairman, Dana Powers; and representatives from the NEI and utility.

This meeting is international in scope and includes presentations by personnel from the NRC, U.S. Government, laboratories, private contractors, universities, the Electric Power Research Institute, reactor vendors, and a number of foreign organizations. This meeting is sponsored by the NRC and conducted by the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The preliminary agenda for this year's meeting includes 8 sessions, along with discussions, on the following topics: Risk-Informed Regulation; Integrity of Primary Coolant Pressure Boundary; Regulatory Effectiveness Assessments; High Burnup and Mixed Fuel Oxide Fuel Under Reactivity Accident Conditions; Fuel Burnup Credit; Fission Product, Source Terms, and Applications; and Research Supporting New Technology.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register in advance on the newly established WRSN website (www.wrsn.bnl.gov) or by contacting Susan Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of

Nuclear Energy, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, telephone (516) 344-7235; or Sandra Nesmith (301) 415-6437, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th Day of September, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Ader,

Director, Program Management, Policy Development, & Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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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 Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Regulations 13D and 13G; Schedules 13D and 13G; SEC File No. 270-137; OMB Control No. 3235-0145.

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 a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Schedules 13D and 13G are filed pursuant to Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and Regulations 13D and 13G thereunder to report beneficial ownership of equity securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Regulations 13D and 13G are intended to provide investors and the subject issuers with information about accumulations of securities that may have the potential to change or influence control of the issuer. Schedules 13D and 13G are used by persons including small entities to report their ownership of more than 5% of a class equity securities registered under Section 12. It is estimated that approximately 10,690 respondents file Schedules 13D and 13G for a total burden of 114,718 hours. Respondents file Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G only when necessary.

The information provided by respondents is mandatory. All information provided to the Commission is public. However, Rules 0-6 and 24b-2 under the Exchange Act

permits reporting persons to request confidential treatment for certain sensitive information concerning national security, trade secrets, or privileged commercial or financial information.

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.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, 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, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: September 7, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [To Be Published]

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: To Be Published.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Time Change.

The closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., has been changed to Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

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: September 15, 1999.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41864; File No. SR-Amex-98-19]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Solicitation of Options Transactions

September 10, 1999.

On May 18, 1998, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") 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 to amend Amex Rule 950(d), Commentary .03 to: (1) Allow a member representing an originating order to solicit a customer (as well as another member, member organization, or non-member broker-dealer) to participate in the transaction; and (2) provide that a Registered Options Trader, when establishing or increasing a position, may retain priority over an off-floor order (including that of a customer) that is subject to Commentary .03. The Amex submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposal on July 7, 1998,³ and Amendment No. 2 to the proposal on August 19, 1998.⁴ Notice of the proposed rule change, as amended, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 1998, to solicit comment from interested persons.⁵ The Commission received one comment letter regarding the proposal.⁶ On September 3, 1999, the Amex withdrew the proposed rule change.⁷

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, (dated July 6, 1998).

⁴ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated August 18, 1998.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40345 (August 19, 1998), 63 FR 45541.

⁶ See letter from Cherie L. Macauley, Wilmer, Cutler, & Pickering, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, dated September 25, 1998 (on behalf of Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.).

⁷ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated September 2, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41847; File No. SR-Amex-99-34]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Regarding the Extension of the Pilot Program Eliminating Position and Exercise Limits in FLEX Equity Options

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 27, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Amex. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to accelerate the operative date of the proposed rule change.

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

The Amex proposes a three month extension of the pilot program

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁴ The Exchange has represented that the proposed rule change: (i) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) will not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) will not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise accelerated by the Commission. The Commission is waiving the minimum five business day notice requirement as permitted by Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act. *Id.* The Commission notes that the Exchange has requested that the Commission accelerate the operative date of the rule change to permit uninterrupted operation of the pilot program.