

approved. These cross references pertain to disclosures mediators are required to make in connection with interests, relationships, or circumstances which might influence their objectivity and impartiality.

C. Comment Summary

The Commission received one comment letter on the proposed Mediation Code, in which the Pace Investor Rights Project endorsed the proposed rule change because it preserves the existing NASD mediation system, while allowing individual investors to better understand the mediation rules through plain English.¹⁰ Pace generally supports the mediation of securities disputes and cites Professor Jill Gross for her conclusion in a forthcoming article that mediation is fair to the individual investor because it maximizes party control over the process and offers procedural justice at relatively low cost, among other things.¹¹

III. Discussion and Findings

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities association¹² and, in particular, the requirements of Section 15A of the Act¹³ and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹⁴ which requires, among other things, that the rules of an association be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.¹⁵ The Commission believes that proposed rule change, as amended, accomplishes these goals by improving the readability, accessibility, and therefore usability of procedures that establish an alternative, voluntary, and potentially low-cost forum for dispute resolution in the securities industry.

The Commission believes that there is good cause for approving Amendment No. 3 prior to the 30th day after publication in the **Federal Register**. The proposed rule change and Amendments

Nos. 1 and 2 thereto previously have been published for comment and have been available on NASD's Web site since their filing with the Commission. Amendment No. 3 proposes non-substantive, technical changes to the proposed rule change, consistent with the current Code, in order to facilitate approval of the proposed Mediation Code. Accelerated approval of Amendment No. 3 will allow parties to more quickly utilize the reorganized and revised Mediation Code. Based on the above, the Commission finds good cause, consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) and Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, for approving Amendment No. 3 prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning Amendment No. 3, including whether it is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASD-2004-013 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2004-013. The file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington,

DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to SR-2004-013 and should be submitted on or before November 28, 2005.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority, 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Wisconsin District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Wisconsin District Advisory Council will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration, Wisconsin District—Milwaukee, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Anyone wishing to attend must contact Cindy Merrigan in writing or by fax. Cindy Merrigan, U.S. Small Business Administration, 740 Regent Street, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53715, phone (608) 441-5560, fax (202) 481-0815, e-mail: cindy.merrigan@sba.gov.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review, Request for Comments; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection Activity, Exemptions for Air Taxi and Commuter Air Carrier Operations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

¹⁰ Pace Letter.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹⁵ *Id.*

SUMMARY: 14 CFR part 298 requires air carrier operators to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the DOT, with the exception of air taxi and commuter air operators. In order to be exempted from this requirement, such operators must apply for exemption with the DOT. This collection is used to ensure that affected companies comply with the requirements under this regulation.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Exemptions for Air Taxi and Commuter Air Carrier Operations.

Type of Request: Renewal of an approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0633.

Forms(s): OST Form 4507.

Affected Public: A total of 2,040 air taxi and commuter operators.

Frequency: The information is conducted on an as-needed basis.

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: Approximately 0.5 hours per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 1,026 hours annually.

Abstract: 14 CFR Part 298 requires air carrier operators to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the DOT, with the exception of air taxi and commuter air operators. In order to be exempt from this requirement, such operators must apply for exemption with the DOT. This collection is used to ensure that affected companies comply with the requirements under this regulation.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 28, 2005.

Judith D. Street,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Information Systems and Technology Services Staff, ABA-20.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review, Request for Comments; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection Activity, Antidrug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Programs for Personnel Engaged in Specified Aviation Activities

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: 14 CFR part 121, Appendices I and J, require specified aviation employers to implement FAA-approved antidrug and alcohol misuse prevention programs and conduct testing of safety-sensitive employees. To monitor compliance, institute program improvements, and anticipate program problem areas, the FAA receives report from the aviation industry.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 7, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Antidrug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Programs for Personnel Engaged in Specified Aviation Activities.

Type of Request: Renewal of an approved collection.

OB Control Number: 2120-0535.

Forms(s): None.

Affected Public: A total of 6,602 air carriers.

Frequency: The information is conducted on an as-needed basis.

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: Approximately 3.5 hours per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 22,768 hours annually.

Abstract: 14 CFR Part 121, Appendices I and J, require specified aviation employers to implement FAA-approved antidrug and alcohol misuse prevention programs and conduct testing of safety-sensitive employees. To monitor compliance, institute program

improvements, and anticipate program problem areas, the FAA receives reports from the aviation industry.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on October 28, 2005.

Judith D. Street,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Information Systems and Technology Services Staff, ABA-20.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2005-61]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption, part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of a certain petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before November 17, 2005.