

or Demonstrated earning power—income before fed- eral income taxes and under competitive conditions: Aggregate for last three fis- cal years together with	\$6,500,000
A minimum in most recent fiscal year (All three years must be profitable)	\$4,500,000

The NYSE believes that there are substantial companies, in some cases multi-billion dollar enterprises, that do not manage their business on the basis of reported income. In order to provide an opportunity for these companies to list, the Exchange is proposing an alternate demonstrated earning power test for companies with a market capitalization of not less than \$500 million and revenues of not less than \$200 million in the most recent fiscal year. These companies would be in a position to qualify for listing under an alternate listing standard based on net income adjusted for the cash effects of investing or financing cash flows.

The proposed standard would call for aggregate adjusted net income of not less than \$25 million for the last three years, with each year showing a positive amount. Reported net income (before preferred dividends) would be adjusted, under the new standard, to remove the effects of all items whose cash effects are "investing" or "financing" cash flows as determined pursuant to Paragraph 28(b) of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 95, "Statement of Cash Flows" (depreciation, amortization of good will and gains or losses on sales of property, plant and equipment are examples of such items). The adjustment to net income with respect to the cash effects of (1) discontinued operations, (2) the cumulative effect of an accounting change, (3) an extraordinary item or (4) the gain or loss on extinguishment of debt would be limited to the amount charged or credited in determining net income for the period.

Shareholder Distribution

The Exchange's current shareholder distribution requirement calls for a minimum of:

Number of holders of 100 shares or more or of a unit of trading if less than 100 shares	2,000
or Total stockholders together with	2,200
Average monthly trading vol- ume (For most recent six months)	100,000

The proposed rule change would add a distribution standard for companies whose shares are very actively traded as an alternative to the existing shareholder distribution tests. Under the new alternative standard, a company with average monthly share trading volume of 1 million shares (for the most recent 12 months) could qualify for listing with 500 total shareholders. The Exchange believes that a company with this demonstrated level of trading activity would be appropriate for trading in the Exchange's agency-auction market as long as there are at least 500 shareholders.

Market Value and Net Tangible Assets

In addition to the two alternate standards proposed above, the Exchange is proposing to increase the existing requirements for both aggregate market value of publicly-held shares and net tangible assets from the current \$18 million to \$40 million. These requirements previously were adjusted in 1984. The NYSE views the increase in these standards as appropriately reflecting the attributes of the kinds of companies that the Exchange wants to attract, and expects that such standards would help to maintain the quality of the NYSE list.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5) that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The proposed rule change does not 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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on the proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such other period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE 95-01 and should be submitted by February 28, 1995.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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