

The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by September 20, 1995.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix

September 5, 1995

Filing of Appeal letter

September 12, 1995

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

September 29, 1995

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.111(b)]

October 10, 1995

Petitioners' Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(a) and (b)]

October 30, 1995

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(c)]

November 14, 1995

Petitioners' Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(d)]

November 21, 1995

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.116]

January 3, 1996

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-36212; File No. SR-Amex-95-36]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc., Relating to the Disclaimer Provisions of Amex Rule 902C

September 11, 1995.

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 25, 1995, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("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 Exchange. 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 Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rule 902C to include Inter@ctive Enterprises L.L.C., publisher and owner of Inter@ctive Week, a bi-weekly magazine in the disclaimer provisions of that Rule. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the Exchange, and at the Commission.

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 Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Section (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

In conjunction with the Exchange's proposal to trade options on the Inter@ctive Week Internet Index ("Index"), the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 902C to provide a disclaimer for Inter@ctive Enterprises L.L.C., publisher and owner of Inter@ctive Week, a bi-weekly magazine. The Exchange's proposal to list and trade options on the Index was filed pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on August 23, 1995.³ The disclaimer, identical in content to disclaimers currently in place for Standard & Poors Corporation⁴ and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated,⁵ states that Inter@ctive Enterprise L.L.C. does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the Index, makes no express or implied warranties with respect to the Index and shall have no liability for any damages, claims, losses or expenses caused by errors in the Index calculation.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with

Section 6(b) of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of change, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer 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 such 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.,

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36163 (August 29, 1995).

⁴ See Amex Rule 902C(d).

⁵ See Amex Rule 902C(d).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to SR-Amex-95-36 and should be submitted by October 10, 1995.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Seeking to Establish a Legal Guidance System

September 12, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on April 27, 1995, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change (File No. SR-DTC-95-09) as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC. On July 25, 1995, DTC filed an amendment to the proposed rule change.² On August 22, 1995, DTC filed a second amendment to the proposed rule change.³ 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 Change

DTC is filing the proposed rule change to establish a service whereby DTC participants and nonparticipants (e.g., transfer agents) can obtain information and documentation

necessary to effect a legal transfer of a deposit.

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

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.⁴

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to establish an inquiry-only Legal Guidance System ("LGS"), which is a menu-driven, user-friendly system designed to provide DTC participants and nonparticipants (e.g., transfer agents)⁵ with information regarding the documents necessary to effect a legal deposit.⁶ Lgs will be accessible by DTC participants and nonparticipants through DTC's Participant Terminal System ("PTS"). LGS contains industry requirements, individual state and province requirements, and transfer agent requirements for processing legal deposits. DTC will post a disclaimer in the LGS user guide notifying users that DTC shall not be liable to the user for any liability for damages resulting from mistakes or omissions in LGS.⁷

The LGS menu approach will guide users through a step-by-step process to ascertain the relevant requirements for transferring legal deposits. LGS also will have a "fast forward" navigation option

⁴ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by DTC.

⁵ Presently, DTC envisions that LGS will be utilized only by nonparticipant transfer agents. However, the availability of LGS will not be limited to nonparticipants who are transfer agents. Telephone conversation between Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, and Mark Steffensen, Attorney, Division, Commission (September 11, 1995).

⁶ A "legal deposit" consists of a registered security and any legal documentation required to effect the legal transfer and registration of the security from the registered holder's name into DTC's nominee name.

⁷ Specifically, the disclaimer will state that "DTC does not represent the accuracy, adequacy, or fitness for a particular purpose of the following information, which is provided as is. DTC shall not be liable for: 1) any loss resulting directly or indirectly from mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects arising from or related to this service; and 2) any special, consequential, exemplary, incidental, or punitive damages."

that will allow an experienced user to quickly access the requisite information. Users also will be able to request through LGS that certain transfer documents be sent to their offices via facsimile transmission. In the near future, DTC plans to interface LGS with its Pending Legal Deposit System to track and monitor document expiration. The fee charged to DTC participants and nonparticipants for the LGS service will be DTC's standard fee for PTS inquires.

DTC believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act⁸ and the rules and regulations thereunder because the rule proposal will facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

DTC does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition 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

Written comments from DTC participants or others have not been solicited or received.

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

Within thirty-five days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to ninety 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 DTC consents, the Commission will:

(a) by order approve such 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1 (1988).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

² DTC amended its proposal to allow organizations that are not DTC participants, such as transfer agents, to subscribe to the Legal Guidance System. Letter from Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, to Mark Steffensen, Esq., Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (July 21, 1995).

³ As proposed in the original filing, once a user logged onto the Legal Guidance System a disclaimer of liability message appeared on the terminal screen. DTC has amended its proposal to eliminate this message from the Legal Guidance System terminal screen. Instead, the disclaimer will appear in a user guide. Letter from Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, to Peter Geraghty, Division, Commission (August 17, 1995).