

**[Investment Company Act Rel. No. 21502A; International Series Release No. 885A; 812-8654]**

**Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, et al.; Extension of Notice Period**

November 21, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

**ACTION:** Application for exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940; extension of notice period.

**APPLICANTS:** Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith Incorporated, Smith Barney Inc., Prudential Securities Incorporated, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., PaineWebber Incorporated, Corporate Income Fund, Equity Income Fund, the Fund of Stripped U.S. Treasury Securities, Government Securities Income Fund, International Bond Fund, The Merrill Lynch Fund of Stripped U.S. Treasury Securities, The Mortgage-Backed Income Fund, Defined Asset Funds, Municipal Investment Trust Fund, and The Tax-Exempt Mortgage Fund.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn Mann, Special Counsel, at (202) 942-0582, or Robert A. Robertson, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

On November 13, 1995, a notice was issued giving interested persons until December 8, 1995 to request a hearing on an application filed by applicants (Investment Company Act Release No. 21502; International Series Release No. 885). The notice was assigned release numbers on November 13, 1995 but was not published in the Federal Register at that time. Since the notice is now being published, the period for interested persons to request a hearing on the matter is being extended to December 18, 1995.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Ocelot Energy Inc., Class B Subordinate Voting Shares, No Par Value) File No. 1-12076; Extension of Comment Period**

November 20, 1995.

Due to a delay in the publication of the Federal Register, the Commission is

extending the comment period concerning Ocelot Energy Inc.'s application to withdraw the above specified security from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Any interested person may, on or before December 12, 1995, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

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

Jonathan G. Katz,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Release No. 34-36492; File No. SR-MSRB-95-13]**

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Amendment to Proposed Rule Change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Relating to Fee Assessments and Reporting of Sales or Purchases, Pursuant to Rules A-13, A-14, and G-14**

November 20, 1995.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2), notice is hereby given that on November 13, 1995, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") Amendment No. 1 to a proposed rule change (File No. SR-MSRB-95-13). Notice of the filing had previously been provided in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36150 (Aug. 23, 1995), 60 FR 45197 (Aug. 30, 1995). The Commission received 13 comment letters in response to publication of the original notice. The comments are discussed subsequently in this document. The amendment to the proposed rule change is described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Board. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the amendment from interested persons.

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

The Board is filing an amendment to its proposed rule change SR-MSRB-95-13, relating to certain changes in the fees assessed to brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers ("dealers"). The proposed rule change, as amended, comprises an amendment to rule A-13 on Underwriting Assessments, a corollary amendment to rule G-14 on Reports of Sales and Purchases, and an amendment to rule A-14 on the Annual Fee. The Board requests that the amendment to rule A-14 be effective for the Board's fiscal year 1996 (October 1, 1995-September 30, 1996, referred to herein as "FY96"). Since \$100 already has been collected from each dealer for FY96, upon approval of the proposed rule change, the Board would bill each dealer an additional \$100 for FY96.

Because of the Board's immediate need for the additional revenue that would be raised by the proposed fee on transactions included in the amendment to rule A-13, the Board requests that the A-13 amendment and the corollary amendment to rule G-14 become effective on January 1, 1996. The Board requests that the Commission approve the proposed rule change prior to that date, so that needed revenues can be collected in a timely manner.

**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 Board 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 texts of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Board 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 initial filing of the proposed rule change on August 11, 1995 (File No. SR-MSRB-95-13 as filed, referred to herein as the "August 1995 filing") proposed three changes in the fees assessed by the Board on dealers: (i) The annual fee of \$100 assessed under rule A-14 would be raised to \$200; (ii) the underwriting assessment of \$.03 per \$1,000 par value, assessed on primary offerings of most long-term municipal