ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee.

DATES: September 26, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and September 27, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Room MIC 3A, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diana P. Hoyt, Code UP, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358–1893.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be closed to the public on Thursday, September 26, 1996, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(6), to allow for discussion on qualifications of individuals being considered for membership to the Committee. The remainder of the meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

—Status of the Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications
—Status of Space Station Utilization
—Radiation Program/Advanced Life Support and Extravehicular Activity
—Countermeasures Report
—Subcommittee/Task Force Reports
—Status of Longitudinal Health Studies
—Office of Space Science—Implication of Mars Meteorite Discovery
—Tutorial: Protein Crystal Growth
—Space Development and Commercialization
—Discussion of Committee Findings and Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Leslie M. Nolan,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of September 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1996.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 9

There are no meeting scheduled for the Week of September 9.

Week of September 16—Tentative

There are no meeting scheduled for the Week of September 16.

Week of September 23—Tentative

There are no meeting scheduled for the Week of September 23.

Week of September 30—Tentative

Thursday, October 3

1:00 p.m.
Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415–1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary. Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301–415–1963).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to alb@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: September 6, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Request for a Collection of Information Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Qualified Domestic Relations Order Submitted to the PBGC

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has requested that the Office of Management and Budget approve a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collection relates to model forms contained in a PBGC booklet providing guidance on how to submit a proper qualified domestic relations order to the PBGC.

DATES: The PBGC has requested that OMB approve this request by September 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Beller, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024 (202–326–4179 for TTY and TDD). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) establishes policies and procedures for controlling the paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public. The Act vests the OMB with regulatory responsibility over these burdens, and OMB has promulgated rules on the clearance of collections of information by Federal agencies.

The PBGC is a federal agency that insures the benefits of nearly 42 million working men and women in about 55,000 private-sector defined benefit pension plans. A defined benefit pension plan that does not have enough money to pay benefits may be terminated if the employer responsible for the plan faces severe financial difficulty, such as bankruptcy, and is unable to maintain the plan. In such an event, the PBGC becomes trustee of the plan and pays benefits, subject to legal limits, to plan participants and beneficiaries.

The benefits of a pension plan participant generally may not be assigned or alienated. Title I of ERISA provides an exception for domestic relations orders that relate to child support, alimony payments, or marital property rights of an alternate payee (a spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent of a plan participant). The exception applies only if the domestic relations order meets specific legal requirements that make it a qualified

domestic relations order (''QDRO''). The PBGC reviews submitted domestic relations orders to determine whether the order is qualified before paying benefits to an alternate payee.

The PBGC receives many inquiries on the requirements for QDROs. Many domestic relations orders, both in draft and final form, do not meet the applicable requirements. The PBGC works with practitioners on a case-by-case basis to ensure that their orders are amended to meet applicable requirements. This process is time-consuming for practitioners and for the PBGC.

To simplify the process, the PBGC has included model QDROs and accompanying guidance in a booklet, ''Divorce Orders & PBGC,'' that attorneys and other professionals who are preparing QDROs for plans trusteed by the PBGC may submit to the PBGC after receiving court approval. These models and the guidance are intended to assist parties by making it easier to comply with ERISA's QDRO requirements in plans trusteed by the PBGC.

The requirements for submitting a QDRO are established by statute. The model QDROs and accompanying guidance do not create any additional requirements and will result in a reduction of the statutory burden. The PBGC estimates that it will receive 333 QDROs each year from prospective alternate payees; that the average burden of preparing a QDRO with the assistance of the guidance and model QDROs in PBGC's booklet will be ¼ hour of the alternate payee's time and $400 in professional fees if the alternate payee hires an attorney or other professional to prepare the QDRO, or 10 hours of the alternate payee's time if the alternate payee prepares the QDRO without hiring an attorney or other professional; and that the total annual burden will be 156 hours and $132,000.

The PBGC solicits comments to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The PBGC has requested that OMB approve this collection on an emergency basis by September 10, 1996 so that model QDROs can be made available to practitioners immediately. Early availability will greatly assist practitioners in preparing proper QDROs for the PBGC, thereby saving parties both time and expense.

Issued at Washington, DC, this 5th day of September 1996.

Martin Slate,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–37629; File No. SR–Phlx–96–33]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc., Relating to an Increase in Narrow-Based Index Option Position and Exercise Limits

September 3, 1996.

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 2, 1996, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. (''Phlx'' 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 self-regulatory organization. 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 Phlx, pursuant to Rule 19b–4 of the Act, proposes to amend Phlx Rules 1001A(b)(1) and 1002A to increase the position and exercise limits for narrow-based index options from 6,000, 9,000, or 12,000 contracts to 9,000, 12,000, or 15,000 contracts.[3]

[1] 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(1) (1988).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] Position limits impose a ceiling on the number of option contracts which an investor or group of investors acting in concert may hold or write in each class of options on the same side of the market (*i.e.*, aggregating long calls and short puts or long puts and short calls). Exercise limits prohibit an investor or group of investors acting in concert from exercising more than a specified number of puts or calls in a particular class within five consecutive business days.

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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the prupose 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. The self-regulatory organization 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

1. Purpose

According to the Phlx, the purpose of the proposed rule change is to increase narrow-based index option position and exercise limits in order to attract additional trading interest and, thus, promote depth and liquidity and Phlx index options. The Exchange believes that the current limits constrain certain investors from trading index options.

Currently, Phlx Rules 1001A(b)(1) and 1002A establish the following position and exercise limits for narrow-based (industry) index options: (i) 6,000 contracts for an index where a single component stock accounted, on average, for 30% or more of the index value during the 30-day period immediately preceding the Exchange's semi-annual review of narrow-based index option position limits; (ii) 9,000 contracts for an index where a single component stock accounted, on average, for 20% or more of the index value or any five component stocks together accounted, on average, for more than 50% of the index value, but no single component stock in the group accounted, on average, for 30% or more of the index value during the 30-day period immediately preceding the Exchange's semi-annual review of narrow-based index option position limits; and (iii) 12,000 contracts where the conditions required a limit of 6,000 contracts or 9,000 contracts have not occurred. For the reasons presented herein, the Phlx proposes to amend Phlx Rules 1001A(b)(1) and 1002A to increase the position and exercise limits for narrow-based index options from 6,000, 9,000, or 12,000 contracts to 9,000, 12,000, or 15,000 contracts.