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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this day of September.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Beth A. Wetzel,

*Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1,  
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Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Certifications Contained in Procurement Rules

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 4301 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act, Pub. L. 104-106, provides for the review, and removal, after appropriate determinations are made, of non-statutory certifications contained in agency procurement rules. Upon review, the Director of OMB has determined that the regulations of the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board include such non-statutory certifications. Accordingly, the Director has referred the matter to the CAS Board for an appropriate determination and regulatory action, if necessary, pursuant to the Board's rulemaking authorities conferred under 41 U.S.C. 422. The CAS Board will review those non-statutory certifications contained in its rules in order to determine whether such certifications should be removed or amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Cost Accounting Standards Board (telephone: 202-395-3254).

Franklin D. Raines,  
*Director, Office of Management and Budget.*  
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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Federal Salary Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Officer of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the fiftieth meeting of the Federal Salary Council will be held at the time and place shown below. At the meeting the Council will continue discussing issues relating to locality-based comparability payments authorized by the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (FEPCA). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** October 4, 1996, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7B09, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth O'Donnell, Chief, Salary Systems Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 6H31, Washington, DC 20415-0001. Telephone number: (202) 606-2838.

For the President's Pay Agent.  
Lorraine A. Green,  
*Deputy Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-37686; File No. SR-OPRA-96-3]

### Options Price Reporting Authority; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Amendment To Approve on a Permanent Basis OPRA's Current Usage-Based Fee Pilot

September 16, 1996.

Pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), notice is hereby given that on August 29, 1996, the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA")<sup>1</sup> submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") an amendment to the Plan for Reporting of Consolidated Options Last Sale Reports and Quotations Information ("Plan"). The amendment makes permanent the usage-based fees that apply to OPRA's basic service. OPRA has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a fee or other charge collected on behalf

<sup>1</sup> OPRA is a National Market System Plan approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Exchange Act and Rule 11Aa3-2 thereunder. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 17638 (Mar. 18, 1981).

The Plan provides for the collection and dissemination of last sale and quotation information on options that are traded on the five member exchanges. The five member exchanges that agreed to the OPRA Plan are the American Stock Exchange ("Amex"); the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE"); the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"); the Pacific Stock Exchange ("PSE"); and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange ("Phlx").

of all of the OPRA participants in connection with access to or use of OPRA facilities, permitting the proposal to become effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(3)(i) under the Exchange Act. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the amendment.

### I. Description and Purpose of the Amendment

The purpose of the amendment is to make permanent the usage-based fees that currently apply to OPRA's basic service on a pilot basis. The current pilot provides for a usage-based fee as an alternative to the port-based Dial-up Market Data Service Utilization Fee, the port-based Voice Synthesized Market Data Service Fee and the device-based Radio Paging Service Fee. The pilot became effective with respect to the Dial-up Market Data Service Utilization Fee in September 1994,<sup>2</sup> and was expanded to include the other two fees in October 1995.<sup>3</sup>

OPRA now proposes to continue all three usage-based fees on a permanent basis, at the same level (\$0.02 per "quote packet") that has applied during the pilot.<sup>4</sup> Based on its experience with these fees during the pilot, OPRA has concluded that offering usage-based fees to providers of dial-up computer based services, voice-synthesized services, and radio paging services is an appropriate response to those service providers who prefer to pay for access to options market information on the basis of the number of requests that are made for such information.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, according to OPRA, the pilot has demonstrated that the availability of these alternative fees has not had any significant negative impact on OPRA's overall revenues or on the fair allocation of OPRA's basic service fees to persons who have access to options market information.

### II. Solicitation of Comments

Pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(3), the amendment is effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission may

<sup>2</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34850 (October 18, 1994), 59 FR 53689 (October 25, 1994).

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36402 (October 20, 1995), 60 FR 54905 (October 26, 1995). The pilot is scheduled to expire on December 31, 1996. *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> In a separate filing (SR-OPRA-96-4) made concurrently with this filing, OPRA also is proposing to make permanent the pilot in usage-based fees applicable to its foreign currency options service.

<sup>5</sup> As has been the case under the pilot, persons who elect to pay these usage-based fees will be required to give at least 90 days written notice to OPRA before they may convert back to the port-based or device-based fees for these services.