

procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit a reproducible copy to Patricia Vacherlon (address listed previously), by February 2, 1998. Statements must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. At the meeting, questions from members of the public will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection, and copying, for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room 2120 L Street, N.W., Lower Level, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (202) 634-3273, on or about April 1, 1998. Minutes of the meeting will be available on or about May 1, 1998.

4. Seating for the public will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations*, part 7.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; OPM Form 1203

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces a proposed extension of a form which collects information from the public. OPM Form 1203, Occupational Supplement Series—Form C, is an optical scan form designed to collect applicant information and qualifications in a format suitable for automated processing and to create basic applicant records for an automated examining system. OPM uses the form to carry out their responsibility for open competitive examining for admission to the competitive service in accordance with section 3304, 5 U.S.C.

“Comments are particularly invited on:

—Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office

of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;
—Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
—Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 500,000 forms are completed each year with an average completion time of 27 minutes. For copies of this proposal, call James Farron on (202) 418-3208 or email to JMFARRON@OPM.GOV.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Mrs. Crystal A. Wilson, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Nationwide Examining Policy Office, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2458, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal A. Wilson, (202) 606-1010. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of February 2, 1998.

A closed meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Unger, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting schedule for Thursday, February 5, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.
Opinion.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-39569; File No. SR-CHX-97-35]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated, Relating to the Failure To Pay Fines for Minor Rule Violations

January 22, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 19(B)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on December 11, 1997, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated (“CHX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) the proposed rule change, and on January 14, 1998,¹ filed Amendment No. 1 to such 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 for interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to add an interpretation to Article XII, Rule 9 of the Rules to clarify that failure to pay a fine imposed under the Minor Rule Violation Plan (“Plan”) shall be deemed

¹ As submitted on December 11, 1997, this filing did not adequately describe the terms of the proposed rule change. The Commission requested that the Exchange amend this filing. This renders the filing effective on January 14, 1998.

to be a waiver by the registered person of the right to a disciplinary proceeding or any right to review or appeal such fine. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is in italics.

Article XII, Rule 9

Interpretations and Policies

.01 With respect to subsection (d), a failure to pay a fine imposed pursuant to this Rule by the time it is due, without timely contesting the action upon which such fine was based pursuant to subsection (e), shall be deemed a waiver by the person against whom the fine is imposed of such person's right to a disciplinary proceeding under Article XII and any right to review or appeal.

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 statutory 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 Exchange 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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to clarify a provision of the Exchange's Plan relating to failure to pay or contest a fine imposed under the Plan. The Exchange adopted its Plan, Article XII, Rule 9 on May 30, 1996. The Exchange may impose a fine, not to exceed \$2,500, for any violation of a rule under the Plan.² The Plan establishes procedures for imposing fines if the Exchange determines that a member, member organization, associated person, or registered or non-registered employee of a member or member organization (collectively "Member") has violated a rule under the Plan.³ A Member is provided notice of a violation under the Plan and is provided not less than 15 days to make payment or to contest the Exchange's determination of violation.⁴ A Member,

upon payment of an assessed fine, waives the right to contest the Exchange's determination.⁵ A Member, however, has the right to contest the Exchange's determination before payment is due, at which point the matter becomes a "Disciplinary Proceeding."⁶

The Exchange proposes to add an interpretation that would make it clear that failure to pay an assessed fine for a Plan violation when it becomes due and payable does not thereby extend the time allowed for a member to contest the determination. As with the failure to pay any debt, the Exchange may proceed with disciplinary action (including, but not limited to, suspension) pursuant to Article XIV, Rule 13 against any Member that fails to pay a fine, when due, imposed under the Plan.

2. Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments and to 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 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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change constitutes a stated policy, practice or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule of the Exchange pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is

necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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, N.W., Washington D.C. 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 Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CHX-97-35 and should be submitted by February 20, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority,⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with PL. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

1. Government Pension Questionnaire—0960-0160.—The Social Security Act and Regulations provide that an individual receiving spouse's benefits and concurrently receiving a Government pension, based on the

² See CHX Article XII, Rule 9(h) for a list of the Exchange rules and policies that are subject to the Plan.

³ CHX Article XII Rule 9(b).

⁴ CHX Article XII Rule 9(c).

⁵ CHX Article XII Rule 9(d).

⁶ CHX Article XII Rule 9(e).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).