

subparagraph (e)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶ Although Rule 19b-4(e)(6) requires that an Exchange submit written notice of its intent of file at least five days prior to the filing date, the Commission notes that in this case, this requirement was waived at Nasdaq's request.

The Commission also notes that under Rule 19b-4(e)(6)(iii), the proposed rule change does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Nasdaq requests a waiver of this 30-day period. Nasdaq represents to the Commission that it is the only market that identifies a security as foreign through the extra character. According to Nasdaq, this extra character may lead to investor confusion. By removing the extra character, Nasdaq hopes to reduce this potential investor confusion. Moreover, Nasdaq believes that investor protection concerns are reduced because other markets actively trade foreign securities, yet these markets do not designate these securities as foreign by an additional character on the securities' symbols. For the reasons discussed above, the Commission finds the waiver of the 30 day period is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed 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, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-99-06 and should be submitted by March 19, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. Function Report—Adult, SSA-3373-TEST; Function Report—Third Party, SSA-3380-TEST—0960-NEW. SSA will be testing new prototype disability forms. The information collected on the forms is needed for the determination of disability. The forms record information about the disability applicant's illnesses, injuries, conditions, impairment-related limitations and ability to function. The respondents are Title II and Title XVI disability applicants or individuals who know about the applicant's impairment, limitations and ability to function.

	Adult form	Third party form
Number of Respondents	7,000	5,000.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	30 minutes	30 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	3,500 hours	2,500 hours.

2. Symptoms Report—0960-NEW. SSA will be testing new prototype disability forms, including the SSA-3370-TEST. The information collected on the form is needed for the determination of disability. The form records information about the disability applicant's description of symptoms of his or her illness, injury or condition.

The respondents are applicants for Title II and Title XVI disability benefits.
 Number of Respondents: 7,500
 Frequency of Response: 1
 Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes
 Estimated Annual Burden: 3,125 hours
 SSA Address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401

Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.
 OMB Address: Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Lori Schack, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)(6).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: February 19, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2994]

International Joint Commission Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

On February 10, 1999, the United States and Canadian federal governments asked the International Joint Commission (IJC) to examine and report on the use, diversion and removal of waters along the common border. The governments noted that "boundary water resources continue to be the subject of ever-increasing demands in the light of expanding populations" and that "proposals to use, divert and remove greater amounts of such waters can be expected."

The request from governments comes in the wake of proposals to export water overseas from Canada and litigation involving the export of water from Canada to the United States. Both governments are concerned that existing management principles and conservation measures may be inadequate to ensure future sustainable use of shared waters.

The request from the governments asks the IJC to examine, report upon and provide recommendations on the following matters which may have effects on levels and flows of water within transboundary basins and shared aquifers:

1. Existing and potential consumptive uses of water;
2. Existing and potential diversions of water in and out of the transboundary basins, including withdrawals of water for export;
3. The cumulative effects of existing and potential diversions and removals of water, including removals in bulk for export;
4. The current laws and policies as may affect the sustainability of the water resources in boundary and transboundary basins.

The governments have asked the IJC to build on its experience, notably its study of Great Lakes diversions and consumptive uses that concluded in 1985, and to submit interim recommendations for the protection of Great Lakes waters within six months. A final report making recommendations on the broader issue of U.S.-Canada shared waters is requested within six

months of the interim recommendations.

As it addresses these matters, the IJC will undertake broad consultations with all interested parties. As a first priority, the International Joint Commission will hold a series of eight public hearings in March at the locations below: Chicago, Cleveland, Rochester, NY, Toronto, Montreal, Windsor, Duluth and Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

Dates will be announced in local media and on the IJC Web Site (www.ijc.org). The Commission also intends to hold workshops in the eastern and western border regions of the continent to obtain advice on the questions posed by governments, particularly as they might apply to the broader issue of Canada-U.S. shared waters outside the Great Lakes basin.

In addition to the public hearings, the IJC invites all interested parties to submit written comment over the course of this investigation to the addresses below:

Secretary, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5M1, Fax 613.993.5583, Email Commission@ottawa.ijc.org.
Secretary, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Fax 202.736.9015, Email Commission@washington.ijc.org.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

More information, including the full text of the letter of reference, may be found on the Commission's web site, at www.ijc.org.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Gerald E. Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facility

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released a Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) for the consolidation and construction of a new Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility in the Baltimore-Washington area. The proposed action is to consolidate four stand-alone TRACONs located in Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and Washington Dulles International Airport; and the FAA operated TRACON located at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The new Potomac Consolidated TRACON (PCT) would be located at a site in Northern Virginia. The preferred site is at the former Vint Hill Farms and Station near Warrenton, VA.

FAA is preparing a tiered Environmental Impact Statement. This DEIS is the first tier and addresses physical consolidation of the four TRACONs as well as building location and construction. Physical TRACON consolidation does not mandate airspace changes. A subsequent tier, or tiers, will be prepared at a later date to assess the potential impacts resulting from air traffic control procedural changes made possible by the proposed PCT, as these issues become ripe for decision.

Copies of the DEIS are available for a review at major libraries in the study area. A summary of the DEIS can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/ats/potomac>.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted until April 12, 1999. Written comments may be sent to: FAA Potomac TRACON Project, c/o Mr. Fred Bankert, PRC Inc., 12005 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191-3423. Oral or written comments may also be delivered at a public hearing that will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on March 25, 1999. The hearing will be at Stonewall Jackson Senior High School. The school is located behind Manassas Mall, off Business Route 234, at 8820 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA 20109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Champley, Project Support Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, (800) 762-9531, Email: joe.champley@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A TRACON facility provides radar air traffic control services to aircraft operating on Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and Visual Flight Rules (VFR) procedures generally beyond 5 miles and within 50 miles of the host airport