

a. International Uranium (USA) Corporation Envirocare's Appeals of LBP-99-5 and LBP-99-11 (Envirocare's Dismissal for Lack of Standing)

#### Week of July 12—Tentative

Tuesday, July 13

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Treatment of Existing Programs for License Renewal (Public Meeting) (Contact: Sam Lee, 301-415-3109)

Thursday, July 15

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Existing Event Response Procedures (including Federal Response Plan and Coordination of Federal Agencies in Response to Terrorist Activities) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Charlie Miller, 301-415-7482)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

#### Week of July 19—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 19.

#### Week of July 26—Tentative

Thursday, July 29

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Implementation of the License Termination Rule and Program on Complex Decommissioning Cases (Public Meeting)

Friday, July 30

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Performance Assessment Progress in LLW, HLW, and SDMP (Public Meeting)

\* 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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 5-0 on June 22, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Final Rule—Revisions to Requirements of 10 CFR Parts 50 and 72 Concerning Changes, Tests, and Experiments" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on June 22, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 4-0 on June 29, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Proposed License to Export High Enriched Uranium (HEU) for Production of Medical Isotopes at the Canadian Maple

Reactors (XSNM-03060)" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on June 29, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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 (301-415-1661). 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 [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

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### PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

#### Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information that is not contained in a regulation (OMB control number 1212-0030; expires September 30, 1999). This voluntary collection of information is a quarterly survey of insurance company rates for pricing annuity contracts. The survey is conducted by the American Council of Life Insurance for the PBGC. This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by September 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written comments will be available for public

inspection at the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at the address given above or calling 202-326-4040. (For TTY and TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations prescribe actuarial valuation methods and assumptions (including interest rate assumptions) to be used in determining the actuarial present value of benefits under single-employer plans that terminate (29 CFR part 4044) and under multiemployer plans that undergo a mass withdrawal of contributing employers (29 CFR part 4281). Each month the PBGC publishes the interest rates to be used under those regulations for plans terminating or undergoing mass withdrawal during the next month.

The interest rates are intended to reflect current conditions in the investment and annuity markets. To determine these interest rates, the PBGC gathers pricing data from insurance companies that are providing annuity contracts to terminating pension plans through a quarterly "Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates." The survey is distributed by the American Council of Life Insurance and provides the PBGC with "blind" data (i.e., is conducted in such a way that the PBGC is unable to match responses with the companies that submitted them).

The survey is directed at insurance companies that have volunteered to participate, most or all of which are members of the American Council of Life Insurance. The survey is conducted quarterly and will be sent to approximately 12 insurance companies. Based on experience under the current approval, the PBGC estimates that 8 insurance companies will complete and return the survey. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual

burden of this collection of information is 32 hours and \$48.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0030 through September 30, 1999. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- 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.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 1st day of July, 1999.

**Stuart Sirkin,**

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Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty  
Corporation.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41586; File No. SR-CHX-99-07]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to the Trading of Nasdaq/NM Securities on the CHX

June 30, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on June 24,

1999, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the CHX. On June 25, 1999 the CHX submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval of the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange hereby requests a seven month extension of the pilot program relating to the trading of Nasdaq/NM Securities on the Exchange that is currently due to expire on June 30, 1999. Specifically, the pilot program amended Article XX, Rule 37 and Article XX, Rule 43 of the Exchange's Rules and the Exchange proposes that the amendments remain in effect on a pilot basis through January 31, 2000.

#### 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 purpose 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 III below. The self-regulatory organization 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

On May 4, 1987, the Commission approved certain Exchange rules and procedures relating to the trading of Nasdaq/NM securities on the Exchange.<sup>4</sup> Among other things, these

<sup>3</sup> In Amendment No. 1 the CHX requested that the Commission approve extension of the pilot program through January 31, 2000. See letter from Kathleen M. Boege, Associate General Counsel, CHX, to John C. Roeser, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated June 25, 1999.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 24424 (May 4, 1987), 52 FR 17868 (May 12, 1987) (order approving File No. SR-MSE-87-2). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 28146 (June 26, 1990), 55 FR 27917 (July 6, 1990) (order expanding the number of eligible securities to 100); 36102 (August 14, 1995), 60 FR 43626 (August 22, 1995) (order

rules made the Exchange's BEST Rule guarantee (Article XX, Rule 37(a)) applicable to Nasdaq/NM securities and made Nasdaq/NM securities eligible for the automatic execution feature of the Exchange's Midwest Automated Execution System ("MAX system").<sup>5</sup>

On January 3, 1997, the Commission approved,<sup>6</sup> on a one year pilot basis, a program that eliminated the requirement that CHX specialists automatically execute orders in Nasdaq/NM securities when the specialist is not quoting at the national best bid or best offer ("NBBO").<sup>7</sup> When the Commission approved the program on a pilot basis, it requested that the Exchange submit a report to the Commission describing the Exchange's experience with the pilot program. The Commission stated that the report should include at least six months worth of trading data.<sup>8</sup> Due to programming issues, the pilot program was not implemented until April, 1997. Six months of trading data did not become available until November, 1997. As a result, the Exchange requested an additional three month extension to collect the data and prepare the report for the Commission.

On December 31, 1997, the Commission extended the pilot program for an additional three months, until March 31, 1998, to give the Exchange additional time to prepare and submit the report and to give the Commission adequate time to review the report prior to approving the pilot on a permanent basis.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange submitted the report to the Commission on January 30, 1998 ("January 1998 Report"). Subsequently, the Exchange requested another three month extension, in order to give the Commission adequate time to approve the pilot program on a permanent basis.

On March 31, 1998, the Commission approved the pilot for an additional three month period, until June 30,

expanding the number of eligible securities to 500); 41392 (May 12, 1999), 64 FR 27839 (May 21, 1999) (order expanding the number of eligible securities to 1000).

<sup>5</sup> The MAX system may be used to provide an automated delivery and execution facility for orders that are eligible for execution under the Exchange's BEST Rule and certain other orders. See CHX, Art. XX, Rule 37(b). A MAX order that fits under the BEST parameters is executed pursuant to the BEST Rule via the MAX system. If an order is outside the BEST parameters, the BEST Rule does not apply, but MAX system handling rules do apply.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38119 (January 3, 1997), 62 FR 1788 (January 13, 1997) ("January 1997 Order").

<sup>7</sup> The NBBO is the best bid or offer disseminated pursuant to SEC Rule 11Ac1-1.

<sup>8</sup> In connection with approval of the CHX's current proposal, the Commission has requested supplemental trading data.

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39512 (December 31, 1997), 62 FR 1517 (January 9, 1998).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.