

adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(I), Mr. Speciale may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 21st day of July, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Malcolm R. Knapp,

Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Software Reliability Models for Digital Safety Critical Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: The NRC has committed through its Strategic Plan to incorporate risk insights, conduct anticipatory research on issues of potential regulatory and safety significance, engage in cooperative research agreements, and provide timely information to our stakeholders. As part of this commitment, a workshop has been established to assess software models which could be used to determine the software reliability of digital systems. This research is conducted through a cooperative agreement between academia and the government. The objective of this workshop is to evaluate software reliability models and the associated

software metrics to determine which would be most effective in determining the software reliability of digital safety systems.

Date: August 16-17, 1999—The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Nuclear Regulatory Commission, White Flint II, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Attendance: This workshop is free and open to the general public. All individuals planning to attend should pre-register with Ms. Sandra George by telephone or e-mail and provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address.

Program: The workshop will be a mix of presentations and working group discussions. During the first day, the challenges of finding software reliability models for safety critical applications will be examined. A preliminary study identifying practical potential candidate models and their associated software metrics will be discussed by a panel of eminent researchers and practitioners in the fields of software engineering, software reliability engineering and software-based digital systems. During the second day, the panel will divide into working groups to evaluate each of the models and recommend the best models which could be used to evaluate the software reliability of digital systems. As part of this effort, the working groups will explore the need for any additional software metrics to strengthen the models chosen.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 23rd day of July, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Director, Division of Engineering Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of Amendment to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Profile Modification Feature of the Direct Registration System

July 22, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on July 22, 1999, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an amendment as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC, to its proposed rule change SR-DTC-99-16.² Notice of the proposed rule change as originally filed was published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 1999.³ The Commission is publishing this notice of the amendment to solicit comments from interested persons.

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

The purpose of DTC's amendment is to add a fourth option on how to resolve the impasse in the implementation of the Profile Modification System ("Profile") feature of the Direct Registration System ("DRS") and to clarify DTC's description of the Profile.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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 IV below. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.⁴

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² DTC filed SR-DTC-99-16 on June 17, 1999.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41535 (June 17, 1999), 64 FR 33539 [File No. SR-DTC-99-16] (notice relating to the profile modification feature of the DRS).

⁴ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by DTC.