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Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: September 7, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [To Be Published]

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: To Be Published.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Time Change.

The closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., has been changed to Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

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: September 15, 1999.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41864; File No. SR-Amex-98-19]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Solicitation of Options Transactions

September 10, 1999.

On May 18, 1998, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change, pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² to amend Amex Rule 950(d), Commentary .03 to: (1) Allow a member representing an originating order to solicit a customer (as well as another member, member organization, or non-member broker-dealer) to participate in the transaction; and (2) provide that a Registered Options Trader, when establishing or increasing a position, may retain priority over an off-floor order (including that of a customer) that is subject to Commentary .03. The Amex submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposal on July 7, 1998,³ and Amendment No. 2 to the proposal on August 19, 1998.⁴ Notice of the proposed rule change, as amended, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 1998, to solicit comment from interested persons.⁵ The Commission received one comment letter regarding the proposal.⁶ On September 3, 1999, the Amex withdrew the proposed rule change.⁷

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, (dated July 6, 1998).

⁴ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated August 18, 1998.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40345 (August 19, 1998), 63 FR 45541.

⁶ See letter from Cherie L. Macauley, Wilmer, Cutler, & Pickering, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, dated September 25, 1998 (on behalf of Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.).

⁷ See letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Richard Strasser, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated September 2, 1999.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41847; File No. SR-Amex-99-34]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Regarding the Extension of the Pilot Program Eliminating Position and Exercise Limits in FLEX Equity Options

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 27, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Amex. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to accelerate the operative date of the proposed rule change.

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

The Amex proposes a three month extension of the pilot program

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁴ The Exchange has represented that the proposed rule change: (i) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) will not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) will not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise accelerated by the Commission. The Commission is waiving the minimum five business day notice requirement as permitted by Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act. *Id.* The Commission notes that the Exchange has requested that the Commission accelerate the operative date of the rule change to permit uninterrupted operation of the pilot program.