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For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

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*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-45207; File No. SR-OPRA-2001-03]

### Options Price Reporting Authority; Notice of Filing of Amendment to OPRA Plan To Exclude Foreign Currency Options From the Calculation of Capacity Allocation Provided for in the OPRA Plan

December 28, 2001.

Pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2001, the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA"),<sup>2</sup> submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an amendment to the Plan for Reporting of Consolidated Options Last Sale Reports and Quotation Information ("OPRA Plan"). The amendment would exclude foreign currency options ("FCOs") from the calculation of capacity allocation provided for in the OPRA Plan. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed amendment from interested persons.

#### I. Description and Purpose of the Amendment

The proposed amendment would revise certain provisions of section III,

"Definitions" and section V(d), "Quarterly Calculation of Capacity Allocation" in order to exclude FCOs from the calculation of system capacity allocation that is provided for in the OPRA Plan and make available exclusively for the processing and dissemination of FCO market data a fixed amount of system capacity as determined by OPRA from time to time. The proposed amendment provides that the capacity available for FCO market data will be capable of handling at least 350 messages per second ("mps"), the amount currently assigned by OPRA to FCO market data. OPRA represents that such capacity is sufficient to meet the anticipated needs of the FCO market. OPRA represents that the proposed amendment would make no substantive change to the provisions of the OPRA Plan.

#### II. Implementation of Plan Amendment

OPRA intends to make the proposed amendment to the OPRA Plan effective immediately upon approval of the amendment by the Commission pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2 under the Act.

#### III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed plan amendment 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, 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, and all written statements with respect to the proposed plan amendment that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed plan amendment between the Commission and any person, other than those 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 the filing will also be available at the principal offices of OPRA. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-OPRA-2001-03 and should be submitted by January 22, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>3</sup>

**Margaret F. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-45199; File No. SR-MSRB-2001-09]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Relating to Rule A-4, on Meetings of the Board

December 27, 2001.

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 December 13, 2001, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the MSRB. The MSRB has designated the proposed rule change as concerned solely with the administration of the Board under section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon receipt by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The MSRB has filed with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend rule A-4, on meetings of the Board, to include E-mail as a method of contacting and polling Board members. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Additions are italicized; deletions are bracketed.

#### Rule A-4. Meetings of the Board

(a) No change.

(b) Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of special meetings of the Board shall be mailed to each member, at such member's address appearing in the records of the Board, not later than the seventh calendar day preceding the date on which the

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(29).

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

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

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2.

<sup>2</sup> OPRA is a national market system plan approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78k-1, and Rule 11Aa3-2 thereunder, 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 17638 (March 18, 1981), 22 S.E.C. Docket 484 (March 31, 1981). The OPRA Plan provides for the collection and dissemination of last sale and quotation information on options that are traded on the participant exchanges. The five signatories to the OPRA Plan that currently operate an options market are the American Stock Exchange, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the International Securities Exchange, the Pacific Exchange, and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. The New York Stock Exchange is a signatory to the OPRA Plan, but sold its options business to the Chicago Board Options Exchange in 1997. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38542 (April 23, 1997), 62 FR 23521 (April 30, 1997).