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Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: IAEA N–71, ''Design Information Questionnaire.''
2. Current OMB approval number: 3150–0056.
3. How often the collection is required: It is estimated that this collection is required approximately 1 time per year.
4. Who is required or asked to report: Licensees of facilities on the U.S. eligible list who have been notified in writing by the Commission to submit the form.
5. The number of annual respondents: One.
6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 360 hours.
7. Abstract: Licensees of facilities that appear on the U.S. eligible list, pursuant to the US/IAEA Safeguards Agreement, and who have been notified in writing by the Commission, are required to complete and submit a Design Information Questionnaire, IAEA Form N–71 (and the appropriate associated IAEA Form), to provide information concerning their installation for use of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Submit, by April 15, 2002, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site *(http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html).* The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T–6 E 6, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at (301) 415–7233, or by Internet electronic mail at *INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of January, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–45336; File No. SR–CBOE–2002–04]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. To Extend Its Participation in the Interim Intermarket Linkage Program

January 25, 2002.

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 January 17, 2002, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (''CBOE'' 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 CBOE. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,[3] and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder,[4] which renders the proposal effective upon filing with 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 CBOE proposes to extend its participation in the interim intermarket linkage program to the earlier of January 31, 2003, or the complete implementation of the permanent intermarket linkage in the options market.[5]

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 CBOE 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. The CBOE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

On January 30, 2001, the Commission approved a rule change by the CBOE proposing to implement certain aspects of an intermarket options linkage on an interim basis.[6] The interim linkage was approved on a pilot basis until January 31, 2002. The Exchange now seeks to extend the interim linkage pilot until the earlier of: (a) January 31, 2003; or (b) the implementation of the ''full'' options linkage contemplated by the Linkage Plan.

As the CBOE and the other options exchanges continue to work towards the full implementation of the Linkage Plan, the Exchange believes it would be beneficial to continue to operate the interim linkage. The CBOE notes that the interim linkage uses existing market infrastructure to route orders between market makers on the participating

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[4] 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). The CBOE requested that the Commission waive the rule's requirements of a 30-day operative delay and a five-day pre-filing notice.

[5] The Commission approved the Plan for the Purpose of Creating and Operating an Intermarket Options Linkage (''Linkage Plan'') in July 2000. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43086 (July 28, 2000), 65 FR 48023 (August 4, 2000).

[6] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43904 (January 30, 2001), 66 FR 9112 (February 6, 2001) (File No. SR-CBOE–00–58).