

a registered national securities association's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. Nasdaq believes the proposed amendments to the rule are consistent with the Act because they establish procedures that Nasdaq will follow in connection with a trading halt that is based on the misuse or malfunction of a system that is not operated by Nasdaq, and will therefore help to ensure that the rule is applied in an appropriate manner.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change will impose no burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Instinet Corporation ("Instinet") commented on the proposed rule change as originally proposed, expressing concerns about trading halts that might be premised on the misuse or malfunction of systems that are not operated by Nasdaq.<sup>11</sup> Nasdaq believes that the amendments to the rule proposed in this filing respond to the concerns expressed by Instinet without impairing the flexibility that the rule must retain in order for the rule to assist Nasdaq in meeting its overarching responsibility to maintain the fairness and orderly structure of the Nasdaq market. Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the NASD consents, the Commission will:

A. by order approve such proposed rule change, or

B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

<sup>11</sup> See July 27, 2001 letter from Jon Kroeper, First Vice President-Regulatory Policy/Strategy, Instinet, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change 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, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be 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 such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of Nasdaq. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-2001-75 and should be submitted by February 26, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 8, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to Ruthie Abney, Office Automation Assistant, Office of Business Development, Small Business

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 8000, Washington DC 20416.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruthie Abney, Office Automation Assistant, (202) 205-6410 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, (202) 205-7030.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 8(a) Annual Update.

*Form No:* 1450.

*Description of Respondents:* 8(a) Program Participants.

*Annual Responses:* 5,000.

*Annual Burden:* 13,000.

*Title:* Semiannual Report on Representatives and Compensation Paid for Services in Connection with Obtained Federal Contracts.

*Form No:* 1790.

*Description of Respondents:* 8(a) Program Participants.

*Annual Responses:* 9,000.

*Annual Burden:* 9,000.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Agency Information Collection; Other Than Those Contained In Proposed Rules or In Current Rules; Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities-Accessibility of Over-the-Road Buses (OTRBs)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) amendment of its Americans with Disabilities Act and Final Rule on Accessibility of Over-the-Road Buses.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 8, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda A. Lasley, Attorney-Advisor, Regulation and Enforcement, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202)366-4723.