

consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Sam Duraiswamy (telephone: 301/415-7364) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule that may have occurred.

Dated: April 16, 2002.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Agency Holding the Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Date: Weeks of April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002.

Place: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Status: Public and Closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Week of April 22, 2002

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 22, 2002.

Week of April 29, 2002—Tentative

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Intergovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

8:55 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9 a.m. Briefing on Results of Agency Action Review Meeting—Reactors (Public Meeting) (Contact: Robert Pascarelli, 301-415-1245)

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of May 6, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 6, 2002.

Week of May 13, 2002—Tentative

Thursday, May 16, 2002

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m. Meeting with World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) (Public Meeting)

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

2 p.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 9)

Week of May 20, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 20, 2002.

Week of May 27, 2002—Tentative

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Nuclear Material Licensee Decommissioning and Bankruptcy Issues (Public Meeting) (Contact: Larry Camper, 301-415-7234)

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed) Briefing on the Status of New Reactor Licensing Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Joseph Williams, 301-415-1470)

9:30 a.m. This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

Additional Information

By a vote of 5-0 on April 11 and 12, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (a) Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), Docket Nos. 50-275-LT, 50-323-LT, (b) International Uranium (USA) Corporation (White Mesa Uranium Mill) Appeal of LBP-02-03 (MLA-10), (c) Duke Energy Corp. (McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2; Catawaba Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2), (d) Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI; Protective Order for Documents Submitted with Skull Valley Band's Brief in Response to CLI-02-08 (Granting Review of Environmental Justice Ruling, LBP-02-08), and (e) Re-Affirmation of the Final Rule on Part 35—Medical Use of Byproduct Material" be held on April 12, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electric message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: April 18, 2002.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension Rule 17a-13; SEC File No. 270-27; OMB Control No. 3235-0035

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for the extension of the previously approved collection of information on the following rule: 17 CFR 240.17a-13 Quarterly Security Counts to be Made by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers, and Dealers.

Rule 17a-13(b) generally requires that at least once each calendar quarter, all registered brokers and dealers physically examine and count all securities held and account for all other securities not in their possession, but subject to the broker-dealer's control or direction. Any discrepancies between the broker-dealer's securities count and the firm's records must be noted and, within seven days, the unaccounted for difference must be recorded in the firm's records. Rule 17a-13(c) provides that under specified conditions, the securities counts, examination and verification of the broker-dealer's entire list of securities may be conducted on a cyclical basis rather than on a certain date. Although Rule 17a-13 does not

require filing a report with the Commission, the discrepancies must be reported on Form X-17a-5 as required by Rule 17a-5. Rule 17a-13 exempts broker-dealers that limit their business to the sale and redemption of securities of registered investment companies and interests or participation in an insurance company separate account and those who solicit accounts for federally insured savings and loan associations, provided that such persons promptly transmit all funds and securities and hold no customer funds and securities.

The information obtained from Rule 17a-13 is used as an inventory control device to monitor a broker-dealer's ability to account for all securities held, in transfer, in transit, pledged, loaned, borrowed, deposited or otherwise subject to the firm's control or direction. Discrepancies between the securities counts and the broker-dealer's records alert the Commission and the Self-Regulatory Organizations ("SROs") to those firms having problems in their back offices.

Because of the many variations in the amount of securities that broker-dealers are accountable for, it is difficult to develop a meaningful figure for the cost of compliance with Rule 17a-13. Approximately 91% of all registered broker-dealers are subject to Rule 17a-13. Accordingly, approximately 6,579 broker-dealers have obligations under the Rule, and the average time it would take each broker-dealer to comply with the Rule is 100 hours per year, for a total estimated annualized burden of 657,900 hours. It should be noted that a significant number of firms subject to Rule 17a-13 have minimal obligations under the Rule because they do not hold securities. It should further be noted that most broker-dealers would engage in the activities required by Rule 17a-13 even if they were not required to do so.

Security counts under Rule 17a-13 are mandatory for broker-dealers. If a broker-dealer has security discrepancies that must be recorded in its records, such records must be preserved for a period of no less than three years pursuant to Rule 17a-4(b)(1). Rule 17a-13 does not assure confidentiality for security discrepancy records and reports on Form X-17a-5.¹ Please note that an

¹ The records required by Rule 17a-13 are available only to the examination of the Commission staff, state securities authorities and the SROs. Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, and the Commission's rules thereunder (17 CFR 200.80(b)(4)(iii)), the Commission does not generally publish or make available information contained in any reports, summaries, analyses,

agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

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 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 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: April 16, 2002.
Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-45764; File No. SR-Amex-2002-10]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto by the American Stock Exchange LLC to Establish Examination Fees on Member Firms for Which the Amex Is the Designated Examining Authority

April 16, 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 February 28, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On March 27, 2002, the Amex amended the proposal.³ The Amex again amended the proposal on April 4,

letters, or memoranda arising out of, in anticipation of, or in connection with an examination or inspection of the books and records of any person or any other investigation.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See March 26, 2002 letter from Geraldine M. Brindisi, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Amex to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), SEC and attachments ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 completely replaces and supersedes the original proposal.

2002.⁴ The Amex has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁵ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Amex proposes to amend its Member Fees Schedule to impose quarterly Examination Fees on member firms for which the Amex is the Designated Examining Authority ("DEA"). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Amex and at the Commission.

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 Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for its proposal and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

For each member firm for which the Amex serves as the DEA pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the Act,⁶ the Amex proposes to charge an Examination Fee of \$.00040 per dollar of gross revenue, as reported in the firm's FOCUS Report (Form X-17A-5 or replacement form). FOCUS Reports are filed either quarterly or annually. This fee is subject to a quarterly minimum fee of \$750 for firms that engage in public business and \$250

⁴ See April 3, 2002 letter from Michael Cavalier, Associate General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division, SEC and attachments ("Amendment No. 2"). In Amendment No. 2, the Amex provided additional language describing the purpose of the proposed rule change, and provided a new Exhibit A that completely replaces and supersedes the previous Exhibits A filed with the Commission. For purposes of calculating the 60-day abrogation period, the Commission considers the abrogation period to have commenced on April 4, 2002.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.17d-1.