

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-266 and 50-301]

Nuclear Management Company, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of the Nuclear Management Corporation, LLC (the licensee), to withdraw its February 28, 2002, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. No. DPR-24 and DPR-27 for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The proposed change would have modified Technical Specification (TS) 1.1, "Definitions," "CREFS Actuation Instrumentation," TS 3.4.16, "RCS Specific Activity," TS 3.7.9, "CREFS," and TS 3.7.13, "Secondary Specific Activity." The proposed change would have also deleted TS 3.9.3, "Containment Penetrations." The accident source term used in the selection of the design-basis offsite and control room dose analysis would have been replaced by the implementation of an alternative source term.

The Commission had previously issued a notice of consideration of issuance of amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2002 (67 FR 18646). However, by letter dated January 24, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 28, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated January 24, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of February, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Customer Satisfaction Surveys and Focus Groups**

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend its approval of a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of the information collection, which will be conducted through focus groups and surveys over a three-year period, is to help the PBGC assess the efficiency and effectiveness with which it serves its customers and to design actions to address identified problems. This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by May 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to Suite 340 at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas H. Gabriel, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An 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 OMB control number. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval, for a three-year period, of a generic collection of information consisting of customer satisfaction focus groups and surveys (OMB control number 1212-0053;

expires 6/30/2003). The information collection will further the goals of Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which states the Federal Government must seek to provide "the highest quality of service delivered to customers by private organizations providing a comparable or analogous service."

The PBGC uses customer satisfaction focus groups and surveys to find out about the needs and expectations of its customers and assess how well it is meeting those needs and expectations. By keeping these avenues of communication open, the PBGC can continually improve service to its customers, including plan participants and beneficiaries, plan sponsors and their affiliates, plan administrators, pension practitioners, and others involved in the establishment, operation and termination of plans covered by the PBGC's insurance program. Because the areas of concern to the PBGC and its customers vary and may quickly change, it is important that the PBGC have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly by developing new vehicles for gathering information under this generic approval.

Participation in the focus groups and surveys will be voluntary. The PBGC will consult with the Office of Management and Budget regarding each specific information collection during the approval period.

The PBGC estimates that the annual burden for this collection of information will total 2,500 hours for 9,500 respondents.

The PBGC is specifically seeking public comments to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of March 2003.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47419; File No. SR-AMEX-
2002-36]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change To Establish Resolution Times for Uncompared Transactions

February 27, 2003.

I. Introduction

On April 22, 2002, American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change File No. SR-AMEX-2002-36 pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2002.² No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is granting approval of the proposed rule change.

II. Description

The resolution of uncompared trades (sometimes referred to as "DKs") has gone through substantial revision as the nature of trade comparison has changed. In 1966, standardized forms were adopted for the timely and efficient resolution of DKs. The primary responsibility for DK resolution at that time was entrusted to floor members.³ In 1978, the time limit for replying to a DK notice was set at 3:45 p.m. on trade date plus three business days ("T+3") or prior to 10 a.m. on trade date plus five business days ("T+5") if a specialist or independent member was involved. Upon a change in the opening to 9:30 a.m. in 1985, members were then required to reply to a DK notice involving a specialist or independent member prior to 9:30 a.m. on T+5.

A result of, among other things, the Commission's 1987 Market Break

Report⁴ was a major initiative to shorten the comparison process. One development was the implementation in 1990 of Amex's Intra-Day Comparison system ("IDC").⁵ In 1990, Amex also implemented Rule 719, Comparison of Exchange Transactions, which required that any transactions effected on Amex be compared or otherwise closed out by Amex's close of business on the business day following the day of the contract.⁶ Amex adopted further rule changes in 1991 to formalize the operational procedures for full implementation of Amex's electronic equity trade comparison facility.⁷ Among the new rules adopted in 1991 was Rule 731, Resolution of Uncompared Transactions, that expressly required that member organizations resolve uncompared trades no later than 3 p.m. on T+1 or 3:30 p.m. on T+1 if an agent was involved.

Because of the inherent risks to the settlement process from uncompared trades, Amex believes it should have the flexibility to change the time periods for the resolution of DKs. For example, market conditions and systemic changes may require Amex to implement different cut-off time periods for the resolution of DKs depending on the particular product, such as stocks, bonds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), or trust-issued receipts ("TIRs"). Accordingly Amex proposes to amend Rule 731 to allow Amex to establish DK resolution time periods for equities, bond, ETFs, and TIRs as appropriate.

Specifically, the proposed rule change will amend Rule 731 by providing Amex flexibility in determining (1) cut-off times and dates for member organizations to make any necessary additions, deletions, or changes to their DK data and (2) cut-off times for resolution and acceptance of DKs remaining uncompared in the system.

⁴ Commission, Division of Market Regulation, The October 1987 Market Break (February 1988).

⁵ Exchange Act Release No. 28069 (May 29, 1990), 55 FR 23324 (June 7, 1990), [SR-Amex-90-01] (order approving IDC for post-trade processing of transactions in equity securities).

⁶ Exchange Act Release No. 27851 (March 27, 1990), 55 FR 12759 (April 5, 1990), [SR-Amex-89-05] (order permanently approving rule requiring regular way trades be compared or closed out by close of business on T+1). In 1994, the Commission approved Amex's proposed rule change which required trade date submission of comparison data. Exchange Act Release No. 34298 (July 1, 1994), 59 FR 35397 (July 11, 1994), [SR-Amex-94-13]. Today Rule 719(a) requires members and member organizations to submit comparison data to their clearing firm for any transaction executed on Amex within two hours of the trade.

⁷ Exchange Act Release No. 29157 (May 2, 1991), 56 FR 21510 (May 9, 1991), [SR-Amex-90-16] (order approving rule detailing mechanics of resolving uncompared equity trades through IDC).

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Gross Earnings Report.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* BA-11.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0132.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 04/30/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 516.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 516.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 237.

(10) *Collection description:* Section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act requires a financial interchange between the OASDHI trust funds and the railroad retirement account. The collection obtains gross earnings of railway employees on a 1% basis. The information is used in determining the amount which would place the OASDHI trust funds in the position they would have been if railroad service had been covered by the Social Security and FIC Acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46916, (November 26, 2002), 67 FR 72241 (December 4, 2002).

³ A separate rule for uncompared options trades, Rule 970, was adopted when options commenced trading at the Amex in 1975. Rule 970 sets forth the procedures for settling uncompared options trades through the Rejected Option Transaction Notice.