

3. The Postal Service's request, dated January 30, 2003, for leave to file the report is granted.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Issued: March 19, 2003.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2003; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: March 31—1 p.m. (Closed); April 1—8:30 a.m. (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, March 31—1 p.m. (Closed)

1. Strategic Planning.
2. Amendment to Board of Governors Bylaws.
3. Financial Performance.
4. Rate Case Planning.
5. Capital Investment for Ventilation and Filtration System (VFS) for Mail Processing Equipment.
6. Unresolved Audit Recommendation.
7. Personal Matters and Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, April 1—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 3-4, 2003.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.
3. Quarterly Report on Service Performance.
4. Quarterly Report on Financial Performance.
5. Fiscal Year 2003 Supplemental Appropriation Request for Emergency Preparedness Costs.
 - a. Self Service Platform.
 - b. Advanced Funding Request for the James A. Farley Processing and Distribution Center Sale Transition and Redevelopment.
7. Tentative Agenda for the May 5-6, 2003, meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

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William T. Johnstone,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 33-8207, File No. S7-05-03]

Securities Uniformity; Annual Conference on Uniformity of Securities Laws

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of conference; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commission and the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. are requesting comments on the proposed agenda for their annual conference to be held on April 7, 2003. The purpose of the conference is to further the objectives of section 19(d) of the Securities Act of 1933, principally to increase cooperation between the Commission and state securities regulatory authorities in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of securities regulation.

DATES: The conference will be held on April 7, 2003. We must receive comments by April 3, 2003 in order to consider them for discussion at the conference.

ADDRESSES: To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent by one method only. Please send three copies of written comments to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments may also be sent electronically to the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. Comment letters should refer to File No. S7-05-03; if e-mail is used, please include this file number on the subject line. Anyone can inspect and copy the comment letters in our Public Reference Room, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102. All electronic comment letters will be posted on the Commission's internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).¹

¹ We do not edit personal identifying information, such as names and e-mail addresses, from electronic submissions. Therefore, you should submit only information you wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The Federal government and the states have jointly regulated securities offerings and the securities industry in the United States since the adoption of the first federal securities statute, the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").² Companies trying to raise capital in our securities markets, as well as participants in the secondary trading markets, must comply with all applicable federal and state securities laws and regulations. Parties involved in the securities markets have long recognized the need to increase cooperation between the federal and state regulatory systems to facilitate capital formation while retaining necessary investor protections.

Congress endorsed more uniformity in securities regulation with the enactment of section 19(d) of the Securities Act³ in the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980.⁴ Section 19(d) authorizes the Commission to cooperate with an association of state securities regulators that can assist in achieving such uniformity. The North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") fulfills that function.⁵ Section 19(d) requires the Commission to cooperate with NASAA to:

- maximize the effectiveness of regulation;
- maximize uniformity in federal and state regulatory standards;
- minimize interference with the capital formation;
- reduce the cost and paperwork burdens of raising investment capital, particularly by small business; and
- reduce administration costs of the government programs involved.

The Commission is required under Section 19(d) to conduct an annual conference to establish ways to achieve these goals.

² 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*

³ 15 U.S.C. 77s(d). Section 19(d) was enacted originally as section 19(c) of the Securities Act but was renumbered by section 108 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-204, 116 Stat. 745 (July 30, 2002).

⁴ Pub. L. 96-477, 94 Stat. 2275 (Oct. 21, 1980).

⁵ NASAA is an association of securities administrators from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico and 12 Canadian provinces and territories.