

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

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Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [68 FR 12723, March 17, 2003].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Items.

The following items were added to the Closed Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 and Thursday, March 20, 2003:

Formal orders of investigation.

Commissioner Goldschmid, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of March 24, 2003:

Closed meetings will be held on

Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 2:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meetings. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meetings.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2003 will be:

Formal orders of investigation;

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; Opinions; and

Amici consideration.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2003 will be:

Formal orders of investigations;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47550; File No. SR-NASD-2003-45]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. To Adopt, on a Permanent Basis, Margin Requirements for Security Futures Contracts Pursuant to NASD Rule 2520

March 20, 2003.

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 March 19, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by NASD. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval of the proposed rule change.

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

NASD proposes to adopt, on a permanent basis, amendments to NASD Rule 2520 establishing margin requirements for security futures contracts ("SFCs"). The SEC originally approved these amendments on a pilot basis ("the Pilot") until March 6, 2003,³ and thereafter extended the Pilot until March 20, 2003.⁴ NASD believes that the proposed rule change would make its margin rule consistent with margin rules already adopted by the SEC, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and other self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") regarding security futures contracts.

Specifically, the proposed rule change would: (1) Permit customer margining of security futures contracts, and establish initial and maintenance margin requirements for security futures contracts; (2) allow for initial and maintenance margin levels for offsetting positions involving security futures contracts and related positions at lower levels than would be required if

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47244 (January 24, 2003), 68 FR 5317 (February 3, 2003) (SR-NASD-2002-166).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47470 (March 7, 2003), 68 FR 12397 (March 14, 2003) (SR-NASD-2003-31).