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, as amended, that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change, as amended, 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 CSE. All submissions should refer to file number SR–CSE–2003–06 and should be submitted by November 10, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[12]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[12] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–48625; File No. SR–NASD–2003–152]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Reflecting the Delayed Implementation of Rule Changes Regarding Reporting of Transactions Conducted Through Electronic Communications Networks to the Automated Confirmation Transaction Service

October 10, 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 October 7, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (''NASD''), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (''Nasdaq''), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act[3] and Rule 19b–4(f)(1) thereunder,[4] Nasdaq has designated this proposal as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule, which renders the proposed rule change effective immediately upon filing. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

[4] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(1).

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

Nasdaq has delayed until October 27, 2003 the implementation of rule changes effected by SR–NASD–2003–98.[5] There is no proposed rule language.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq 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

The purpose of this rule filing is to notify the Commission and other interested parties of the delay until October 27, 2003 of the implementation of the proposed rule change in SR–NASD–2003–98.[6] In that filing, Nasdaq amended the various NASD rules governing trade reporting to define with greater clarity the reporting obligations applicable to transactions executed through electronic communications networks (''ECNs'') that are reported to the Automated Confirmation Transaction Service. Under the filing, the rule change was to be implemented thirty days after approval by the Commission (*i.e.*, on October 6, 2003). However, several ECNs have informed Nasdaq that they did not receive adequate notice of the rule change in order to meet the October 6, 2003 implementation date. Accordingly, Nasdaq is delaying the implementation date of SR–NASD–2003–98 for three weeks, until October 27, 2003. Nasdaq will inform market participants of the delay through a Head Trader Alert posted on *www.nasdaqtrader.com.*

[5] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 48442 (September 4, 2003), 68 FR 53766 (September 12, 2003) (SR–NASD–2003–98) (approval order); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 48239 (July 28, 2003), 68 FR 45870 (August 4, 2003) (SR–NASD–2003–98) (notice of filing).

[6] *Id.*

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A of the Act,[7] in general, and with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,[8] in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, and to protect investors and the public interest.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act[9] and Rule 19b–4(f)(1) thereunder because it constitutes a stated policy, practice or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule.[10] At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78o–3.

[8] 15 U.S.C. 78o–3(b)(6).

[9] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

[10] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(1).

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change in 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 the NASD.

All submissions should refer to file number SR–NASD–2003–152 should be submitted by November 10, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[11]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[11] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Program: Cooperative Agreements for Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach Projects; Program Announcement No. SSA–OESP–03–1

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of fiscal year 2004 cooperative agreement funds and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) announces its intention to award competitively a cooperative agreement to continue a community-based benefits planning, assistance, and outreach project in the State of Wyoming. The purpose of this project is to disseminate accurate information to beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) about work incentives programs and issues related to such programs, to enable them to make informed choices about work.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of cooperative agreement applications under this announcement is December 4, 2003.

Prospective applicants are also asked to submit, preferably by November 4, 2003, an e-mail, a fax, post card, or letter of intent that includes (1) the program announcement number (SSA–OESP–03–1) and title (Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach Program); (2) the name of the agency or organization that is applying; and (3) the name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number for the organization's contact person. The notice of intent is not required, is not binding, and does not enter into the review process of a subsequent application. The purpose of the notice of intent is to allow SSA staff to estimate the number of independent reviewers needed and to avoid potential conflicts of interest in the review. The notice of intent should be faxed to (410) 966–1278; mailed to Social Security Administration, Office of Employment Support Programs, Division of Employment Policy, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235–6401; or e-mailed to *jenny.deboy@ssa.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Send questions about this announcement to the following Internet e-mail address: *jenny.deboy@ssa.gov.* When sending in a question, reference program announcement number SSA–OESP–03–1 and the date of this announcement.

Although the Internet is the preferred method of communication, applicants who have questions about the program content of the application may also contact: Jennifer DeBoy, Program Analyst, or Natalie Funk, Team Leader, Social Security Administration, Office of Employment Support Programs, Division of Employment Policy, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235–6401. The telephone number for Jennifer DeBoy is (410) 965–8658; for Natalie Funk, (410) 965–0078. The fax number is (410) 966–1278.

To obtain an application kit, see the instructions under Part VI, Section A. Although the Internet is SSA's preferred method of communication, for information regarding the application package, you may also contact: Phyllis Y. Smith or Gary Stammer, Social Security Administration, Office of Acquisition and Grants, Grants Management Team, 1–E–4 Gwynn Oak Building, 1710 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207–5279. The telephone numbers are: Phyllis Y. Smith, (410) 965–9518, or Gary Stammer, (410) 965–9501. The fax number is (410) 966–9310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 106–170 was enacted on December 17, 1999, to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in SSA to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to work, and to provide benefits planning and assistance services, and outreach to beneficiaries with disabilities, among other purposes. SSA must ensure that benefits planning, assistance, and outreach are available to all beneficiaries with disabilities nationally, on a statewide basis.

On May 31, 2000, and January 5, 2001, SSA made announcements of cooperative agreement funds and requested applications. SSA's intent was to establish benefits planning, assistance and outreach services in every State and U.S. Territory, and in the District of Columbia, and to ensure that services are available to all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities throughout each. The current awardee for the State of Wyoming has decided not to renew their cooperative agreement beyond December, 2003.

This announcement is to request applications for fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds to provide direct benefits planning, assistance and outreach services to all SSA disability beneficiaries in the State of Wyoming for the period January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004. Funding after FY 2004 is contingent upon funding availability.

Note: SSA has awarded separate contracts to three organizations (Cornell University, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMO–C)) to provide technical assistance and training on SSA's programs and work incentives, Medicare and Medicaid, and on other Federal work incentives programs, to Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach Program cooperative agreement awardees. The contractor for Wyoming is UMO–C: C. David Roberts, *RobertsC@missouri.edu,* (573) 882–3807.

SSA will conduct a pre-application seminar to provide interested applicants with guidance and technical assistance in preparing their applications. Information about where and when the seminar will be held will be on our Web site: *http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work/ServiceProviders/providers.html#Contract.*

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