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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, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 26, SEC File No. 270-78, OMB Control No. 3235-0183.

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 extension of the matters relating to the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 26, part 250.26 [17 CFR 250.26] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, establishes financial statement and recordkeeping requirements for public utility holding companies registered under the Act and all their subsidiary companies.

The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting burden of Rule 26 is approximately one (1) hour.

The estimate of average burden hours is made for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or representative survey or study of the costs of complying with the requirements of Commission rules and forms.

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 control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information 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 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must

be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Extension:

Form U-7D, SEC File No. 270-75, OMB Control No. 3235-0165.

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 request for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form U-7D is used to file the certificate required by rule 7(D)(5) (17 CFR 250.7), under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("Act") 15 U.S.C. 79 *et seq.*, to establish the exempt status of financing entities which own assets leased to electric or gas utility companies for the use in the lessee's utility business. Unless it claims the exemption authorized by those sections and provides sufficient information to meet the statutory tests for the exemption, such financing company would meet the statutory definition of electric or gas utility company, under section 2(a)(3) ("electric") or section 2(a)(4) ("gas") of the Act, and such financing company would consequently be subject to regulation under the Act. Without the information provided on Form U-7D, the Commission would not have adequate access to the data used to establish that the filing company meets the requirements for exemption.

Respondents to the request for information in Form U-7D are registered public utility holding companies and their financing subsidiaries. Respondents must file a Form U-7D in order to receive exempt status. We estimate the average time to prepare the information required by Form U-7D at 3 hours per response based on our informal questioning selected respondents. Since there are

approximately 8 respondents who file each year, the total annual respondent reporting burden is 24 hours at \$115 per hour. There is no possibility of unwarranted disclosure because these are public documents and there are no questions of a sensitive nature.

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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 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, 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.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Reporting of "At-the-Close" Orders in Nasdaq Securities

October 17, 2003.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 8, 2003, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") 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 the Exchange. The proposed rule change has been filed by the Amex as a "non-controversial" rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).