

any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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

The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁹ because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is 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. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2004-04. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hardcopy or by e-mail but not by both methods. 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 PCX. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PCX-2004-04 and should be submitted by March 5, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4623]

Comprehensive Environmental Evaluations for Antarctic Activities

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State gives notice of the availability of two draft Comprehensive Environmental Evaluations (CEEs) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica. Interested members of the public are invited to submit comments relative to these CEEs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OES/OA, Room 5805; Department of State; Washington, DC 20520, or to SaturniFM@state.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fabio M. Saturni, Office of Oceans Affairs, (202) 647-0237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 3 of Annex I to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty requires the preparation of a CEE for any proposed Antarctic activity likely to have more than a minor or transitory impact. Draft CEEs are to be made publicly available with a 90-day period for receipt of comments. This notice is published pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2403a(h).

The Department of State has received two draft CEEs:

1. The Czech Republic has submitted a draft CEE for construction and operation of a scientific station in Antarctica. The document is available at the following Web site: <http://www.geology.cz/app/ftp/CzechStationCEE2004.zip>.

2. Norway has submitted a draft CEE for upgrading a summer station to a permanent station in Antarctica. The document is available at the following Web site: <ftp://ftp.npolar.no/Out/CEE/>.

The Department of State invites interested members of the public to provide written comments on these draft CEEs.

Dated: February 10, 2004.

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Deputy Director, Office of Oceans Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4624]

Proposals for U.S. Pavilion at the 2005 World Exhibition in Aichi, Japan

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State requests proposals from private U.S. individuals, firms, associations and organizations (for profit and non-profit) for the development, organization and management of a U.S. pavilion/exhibition covering 15,000 square feet at the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi, Japan (the Aichi Expo). The Department will provide the organization submitting the winning proposal with a letter authorizing it to proceed with fundraising until the funds necessary to complete the U.S. Pavilion project have been raised. This letter will include guidelines on fundraising to be followed by the winning organization. At the time at which all funding has been raised, the Department will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the winning organization and will appoint a Commissioner General. Proposals from non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. firms or organizations will be deemed ineligible. Cost for a representative U.S. pavilion/exhibit is estimated at \$20 million and must be provided completely by the winning organization. The Department of State is not authorized and does not now or in the future intend to make any commitment, implied or otherwise, to provide funding for any aspect of the U.S. pavilion/exhibition at the Aichi Expo.

DATES: The deadline for "submission" of proposals is 5 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2004 (see below for details).

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be communicated Room 220, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Ogul, Program Manager, (see address), telephone to 202-205-0535, fax to 202-260-0440 or e-mail at OgulJE@state.gov.

In light of recent events and heightened security measures, proposal

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).