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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265]

Exelon Generation Company, Inc. and MidAmerican Energy Company, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of MidAmerican Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its November 21, 2003, application for exemption for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Rock Island County, Illinois.

The proposed exemption would have allowed the licensee to delay meeting the requirements of 10 CFR 50.75(h)(2) past the effective date of December 24, 2003.

The Commission had previously issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70843), and December 22, 2003 (68 FR 71173), for the proposed exemption as required by 10 CFR 51.21. However, by letter dated December 18, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change. Therefore, the Commission is withdrawing its previously issued Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

For further details with respect to this action, see the request for exemption dated November 21, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated December 18, 2003, which withdrew the request for

exemption. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of July 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 26, 2004

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 26, 2004.

Week of August 2, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 2, 2004.

Week of August 9, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 9, 2004.

Week of August 16, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, 301-415-2308)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov> 1 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Week of August 23, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 23, 2004.

Week of August 30, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 30, 2004.

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Dave Gamberoni, (301) 415-1651.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on July 15, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex.1)" be held July 15, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>

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Dated: July 22, 2004.

Dave Gamberoni,

Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50038; File No. SR-NASD-2004-106]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend a Pilot Program Modifying Fees and Credits for Orders and Quotes Executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross

July 19, 2004.

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 July 12, 2004, 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. Nasdaq has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the rule effective upon Commission receipt of this filing. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

Nasdaq is filing this proposed rule change to waive, for a pilot period of three months, the execution fees and credits for those quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross. The pilot program will continue the pilot program already in place for the Closing Cross.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. New text is in *italics*. Deleted text is in [brackets].⁵

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Rule 7010. System Services

(a)-(h) No Change.

(i) Nasdaq Market Center order execution

(1) and (2) No Change.

(3) Pilot—Closing Cross

For a period of three months commencing on [the date Nasdaq implements its Closing Cross (as described in Rule 4709)] *July 12, 2004*, members shall not be charged Nasdaq Market Center execution fees, or receive Nasdaq Market Center liquidity provider credits, for those quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross *described in Rule 4709*.

(j)-(u) No change.

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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 had 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 Commission recently approved the Nasdaq Closing Cross, which is a new process for determining the Nasdaq Official Closing Price for the most liquid Nasdaq stocks.⁶ The Nasdaq Closing Cross is designed to create a more robust close that allows for price discovery, and an execution that results in an accurate, tradable closing price. Nasdaq established a three-month pilot program, commencing with the launch of the Closing Cross, during which no execution charges were charged, and no liquidity provider credits were offered, for those quotes and orders executed in

NASD Manual available at www.nasd.com, as amended by SR-NASD-2004-076 (filed May 5, 2004, and amended on July 2, 2004). There are no other pending or recently approved rule filings that would affect the text of Rule 7010(i).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49406 (March 11, 2004); 69 FR 12879 (March 18, 2004); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49534 (April 7, 2004), 69 FR 19584 (April 13, 2004), amending the Closing Cross.

the Nasdaq market center as part of the Nasdaq Closing Cross.⁷

Nasdaq is proposing to extend the pilot program for an additional three months in order to continue evaluating the effectiveness of the Closing Cross in establishing the NOCP by eliminating any pricing disincentives that could arise as a result of a price schedule not established on the basis of actual trading data. During the pilot program, Nasdaq staff will study the behavior and participation in the Closing Cross to determine the optimum pricing schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A of the Act,⁸ in general, and with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the NASD operates or controls. The proposal to extend the pilot program is an equitable allocation of fees because the program will apply equally to all members whose quotes and orders are executed as part of the Nasdaq Closing Cross. Furthermore, the program is reasonable because it will allow Nasdaq, for a limited period of time, to analyze participation in the process and use the results to create an optimum fee schedule based on actual trading data.

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

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change does not impose 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.

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 Act¹⁰ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4

⁷ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49576 (April 16, 2004); 69 FR 22112 (April 23, 2004).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁵ The proposed rule change is marked to show changes to Rule 7010(i) as currently reflected in the