

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

#### Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on February 8, 2006, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

**Wednesday, February 8, 2006, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone: 301-415-7364) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: January 19, 2006.

**Michael L. Scott,**

*Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## PEACE CORPS

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities: PC-425-1, Fellow/USA Program Improvement Survey

**AGENCY:** Peace Corps.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for OMB Review, comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Peace Corps Fellows/USA program is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the Peace Corps is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of revision of a collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the Fellows/USA Program Improvement Survey.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Mr. Benjamin Helwig, Fellows/USA Program, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW., Room 2150, Washington, DC 20526. Mr. Helwig can be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1438 or 800-424-8580 ext. 1438 or e-mail at [bhelwig@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bhelwig@peacecorps.gov). E-mail comments must be made in text and not in attachments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Benjamin Helwig, Fellows/USA Program, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW., Room 2150, Washington, DC 20526. Mr. Helwig can be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1438 or 800-424-8580 ext. 1438 or e-mail at [bhelwig@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bhelwig@peacecorps.gov). E-mail comments must be made in text and not in attachments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the Peace Corps Fellows/USA program is seeking comments on the Fellows/USA Inquirer's Survey prior to its submission for an OMB control number. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments on whether: (1) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Peace Corps Fellows/USA program, including whether the information will have practical use; (2) the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used is accurate; (3) there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (4) there are ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of technology.

A copy of the proposed information collection form can be obtained from Mr. Benjamin Helwig, Fellows/USA Program, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW., Room 2150, Washington, DC 20526. Mr. Helwig can be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1438 or 800-424-8580 ext. 1438 or e-mail at [bhelwig@peacecorps.gov](mailto:bhelwig@peacecorps.gov). Comments on the form should also be addressed to the attention of Mr. Helwig and should be received on or before March 27, 2006.

**OMB Control Number:** N/A.

**Title:** Fellows/USA Program Improvement Survey.

**Need and Uses:** This form is intended to receive feedback only from Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who have previously contacted the Fellows/USA Office at Peace Corps for information on the Fellows/USA program but have not enrolled in the program to date. Response is voluntary. The information gathered is needed and will be used internally to improve the program and make Fellows/USA more responsive to the educational needs of RPCVs.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Respondents:** Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who have previously contacted the Fellows/USA Office at Peace Corps for information on the Fellows/USA program but have not enrolled in the program to date.

**Respondent's Obligation to Reply:** Voluntary.

**Burden on the Public:** a. Annual reporting burden: 80 hours.

b. Annual record keeping burden: 0 hours.

c. Estimated average burden per response: 8 minutes.

d. Frequency of response: One item.

e. Estimated number of likely respondents: 600.

f. Estimated cost to respondents: 0.

This notice issued in Washington, DC on January 25, 2006.

**Gilbert Smith,**

*Associate Director for Management.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a

meeting on January 30, 2006, 9:30 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

(1) Congressional Justification language.

The entire meeting will be open to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53142; File No. SR-NASD-2006-001]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto To Establish Generic Listing Standards for Index-Linked Securities

January 19, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 3, 2006, 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 and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Nasdaq. On January 13, 2006, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons and to approve the proposal, as amended, on an accelerated basis.

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

Nasdaq proposes to adopt generic listing standards for index-linked securities ("Index Securities") pursuant

to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act.<sup>4</sup> Nasdaq will implement the proposed rule change immediately upon approval by the Commission.

The proposed rule change is available on the NASD's Web site at <http://www.nasdaq.com>, at the principal office of the NASD, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room. The text of the proposed rule change is also set forth below. Proposed new language is *italicized*; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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#### 4420. Quantitative Designation Criteria

In order to be designated for the Nasdaq National Market, an issuer shall be required to substantially meet the criteria set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), [or] (l) or (m) below. Initial Public Offerings substantially meeting such criteria are eligible for immediate inclusion in the Nasdaq National Market upon prior application and with the written consent of the managing underwriter that immediate inclusion is desired. All other qualifying issues, excepting special situations, are included on the next inclusion date established by Nasdaq.

(a)-(l) No Change.

(m) *Index-Linked Securities*

*Index-linked securities are securities that provide for the payment at maturity of a cash amount based on the performance of an underlying index or indexes. Such securities may or may not provide for the repayment of the original principal investment amount. Nasdaq may submit a rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to permit the listing and trading of index-linked securities that do not otherwise meet the standards set forth below in paragraphs (1) through (9). Nasdaq will consider for listing and trading pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 index-linked securities, provided:*

(1) *Both the issue and the issuer of such security meet the criteria for other securities set forth in paragraph (f) of this rule, except that the minimum public distribution of the security shall be 1,000,000 units with a minimum of 400 public holders, unless the security is traded in \$1,000 denominations, in which case there is no minimum number of holders.*

(2) *The issue has a term of not less than one (1) year and not greater than ten (10) years.*

(3) *The issue must be the non-convertible debt of the issuer.*

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

(4) *The payment at maturity may or may not provide for a multiple of the positive performance of an underlying index or indexes; however, in no event will payment at maturity be based on a multiple of the negative performance of an underlying index or indexes.*

(5) *The issuer will be expected to have a minimum tangible net worth in excess of \$250,000,000 and to exceed by at least 20% the earnings requirements set forth in paragraph (a)(1) of this Rule. In the alternative, the issuer will be expected: (i) To have a minimum tangible net worth of \$150,000,000 and to exceed by at least 20% the earnings requirement set forth in paragraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and (ii) not to have issued securities where the original issue price of all the issuer's other index-linked note offerings (combined with index-linked note offerings of the issuer's affiliates) listed on a national securities exchange or traded through the facilities of Nasdaq exceeds 25% of the issuer's net worth.*

(6) *The issuer is in compliance with Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.*

(7) *Initial Listing Criteria—Each underlying index is required to have at least ten (10) component securities. In addition, the index or indexes to which the security is linked shall either (A) have been reviewed and approved for the trading of options or other derivatives by the Commission under Section 19(b)(2) of the 1934 Act and rules thereunder and the conditions set forth in the Commission's approval order, including comprehensive surveillance sharing agreements for non-U.S. stocks, continue to be satisfied, or (B) the index or indexes meet the following criteria:*

(i) *Each component security has a minimum market value of at least \$75 million, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, the market value can be at least \$50 million;*

(ii) *Each component security shall have trading volume in each of the last six months of not less than 1,000,000 shares, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, the trading volume shall be at least 500,000 shares in each of the last six months;*

(iii) *In the case of a capitalization-weighted or modified capitalization-weighted index, the lesser of the five highest weighted component securities in the index or the highest weighted component securities in the index that*

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> In Amendment No. 1 Nasdaq made minor revisions to the proposed rule text and clarified certain details of its proposal.