

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Harvard University, and U.S. Ecology—American Ecology.

12:30 p.m.–3 p.m.: Panel Discussion Concerning NRC's LLW Strategic Assessment (Open)—Scheduled participants are expected to include representatives from the Washington State Department of Health, the NRC staff, Chem-Nuclear Systems, the Texas Council on Environmental Quality, and the California Radioactive Materials Management.

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Stakeholder and Public Comments (Open).

4:30 p.m.–5 p.m.: Closing Remarks (Open)—By Dr. Ryan.

5 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: ACNW Working Group Meeting Impressions—Discussion of Letter Report (Open)—The Committee will discuss the impressions of the Working Group Meeting and proposed ACNW letters.

Thursday, May 25, 2006

8:25 a.m.–8:30 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report on the Management of Certain Tank Wastes at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Sites (Open)—Representatives of the NAS staff and an NAS Committee will brief the ACNW on the findings of a Congressionally-mandated study of radioactive waste streams stored in tanks at three DOE sites.

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: NRC Standard Review Plan (SRP) for Waste Determinations (Open)—NMSS representatives will update the Committee on progress in the development of the SRP to be used by the NRC staff to review DOE waste determinations.

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.: Review of International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) Draft Report, "The Scope of Radiological Protection Regulations" (Open)—Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the ICRP draft report for comment titled, "The Scope of Radiological Protection Regulations."

3:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: Discussion of Draft Letters and Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW letters.

Friday, May 26, 2006

10 a.m.–10:10 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening

remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

10:10 a.m.–11:45 a.m.: Overview of NRC Spent Fuel Storage Program (Open)—NMSS representatives will provide an overview of NRC spent fuel storage program.

11:45 a.m.–4 p.m.: Discussion of Draft Letters and Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW letters.

4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include future Committee Meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2005 (70 FR 59081). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Michael R. Snodderly (Telephone 301-415-6927), between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Snodderly as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted, therefore, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Snodderly.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/>

reading-rm/doc-collections/ (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Video Teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on May 26, 2006, Room T-2B3, 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 internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, 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:

Friday, May 26, 2006—8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to 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. Michael R. Snodderly (Telephone: 301/415-6927) between 8:15 a.m. and 5 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 8:15 a.m. and 5 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: May 3, 2006.

Michael R. Snodderly,

Acting Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53750; File No. SR-Amex-2006-33]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Section 141 of the Company Guide

May 2, 2006.

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 April 11, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed this proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission.⁵ On April 12, 2006, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁶ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, 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)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ The Exchange requested the Commission to waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day operative delay, as specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁶ In Amendment No. 1, Nasdaq made minor revisions to Section 141 of the Amex *Company Guide* to reflect changes to set forth in File No. SR-Amex-2005-124. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53430 (March 7, 2006), 71 FR 12744 (March 13, 2006).

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

The Exchange proposes to correct Section 141 of the Amex *Company Guide* so that annual fees in connection with Closed-End Fund issuers may not be deferred, waived, or rebated (in all or part).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Amex's Web site at <http://www.amex.com>, at the principal office of the Amex, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

According to the Exchange, the purpose of the proposal is to correct Section 141 of the Amex *Company Guide* to properly reflect the fact that annual fees (in all or part) for Closed-End Funds may not be deferred, waived, or rebated in the discretion of the Board. As a result, Section 141 will now provide that the Board of Governors of the Exchange or its designee may, in its discretion, defer, waive, or rebate all or any part of the applicable annual listing fee for stock issues.

The Exchange previously adopted in File No. SR-Amex-2004-70⁷ the ability of the Board of Governors or its designee, in its discretion, to defer, waive, or rebate all or any part of the applicable annual listing fees, except in the case of issues listed under Sections 106 and 107 of the Amex *Company Guide* and Rule 1200 (Trust Issued Receipts); and Closed-End Funds. As part of an amendment to File No. SR-Amex-005-127, the Exchange inadvertently omitted Closed-End Funds from the class of issuers whose

annual fees cannot be deferred, waived, or rebated. Accordingly, in this rule filing, the Exchange seeks to correct this error so that only stock issues may, in the discretion of the Board of Governors, be deferred, waived, or rebated.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with Section 6(b)⁸ of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁹ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, will impose any burden on competition 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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change, as amended.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change, as amended, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹¹ because the proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not become operative for 30 days from the date of filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹³ thereunder.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50270 (August 26, 2004), 69 FR 53750 (September 2, 2004).