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Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 10th day of May 2006.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board; Members

AGENCY: National Capital Planning Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Members of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: Section 4314(c) of Title 5, U.S.C. (as amended by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more Performance Review Boards (PRB) to review, evaluate and make a final recommendation on performance appraisals assigned to individual members of the agency's Senior Executive Service. The PRB established for the National Capital Planning Commission also makes recommendations to the agency head regarding SES performance awards, rank awards and bonuses. Section 4314(c)(4) requires that notice of appointment of Performance Review Board members be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons have been appointed to serve as members of the Performance Review Board for the National Capital Planning Commission: Kent E. Baum, Jill Crumpacker, Patricia E. Gallagher, John Lennon, Lawrence Roffee, and Charles H. Schneider from May 11, 2006 to May 11, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis A. Vessels, Human Resources Specialist, National Capital Planning Commission, 401 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 500 North, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 482-7217.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

Barry S. Socks,

Chief Operating Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Oversight Council for the International Arctic Research Center; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Oversight Council for the International Arctic Research Center, #9535.

Date/Time: June 5, 2006, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 740, Arlington, VA 22230, with participation by teleconference.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Neil Swanberg, Program Director, Arctic System Science Program, Room 740 S, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8029.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning a cooperative agreement between the National Science Foundation and the International Arctic Research Center.

Agenda: To evaluate and provide advice on an annual research plan submitted to the Arctic Science Section as part of a continuing cooperative agreement for the support of the center.

Reason for Closing: The annual operating plan being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 12, 2006.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Meetings

DATE: Weeks of May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 19, 2006.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of May 15, 2006

Monday, May 15, 2006

12:55 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting). a. Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC, LBP-06-4, 63 NRC 99 (Jan. 24, 2006) (admitting three safety contentions and standing); LBP-06-12, 63 NRC (March 24, 2006).

1 p.m. Briefing on Status of Implementation of Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Scott Moore, (301) 415-7278).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

3:30 p.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex.2).

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative). a. Hydro Resources, Inc. (In situ leach mining license), 40-8968-ML, concerning LBP-06-1 (PID—Radioactive Air Emissions) (Tentative).

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting—Reactors/Materials (Public Meeting) (Contact; Mark Tonacci, (301) 415-4045).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of May 22, 2006—Tentative

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

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

1:30 p.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting), Marriott Bethesda North Hotel, Salons, D-H, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

Week of May 29, 2006—Tentative

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

1 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Week of June 5, 2006—Tentative

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

9 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

Week of June 12, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 12, 2006.

Week of June 19, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 19, 2006.

* 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: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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: May 11, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53786; File No. SR-Amex-2006-39]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto Relating to the Adoption of a Licensing Fee for Options on the Vanguard Dividend Appreciation VIPERs

May 11, 2006.

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 April 26, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") submitted to 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 Amex. On May 9, 2006, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, withdrew Amendment No. 1 to

the proposed rule change and submitted Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.³ Amex 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 Act⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁵ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to modify its Options Fee Schedule by adopting a per contract licensing fee for the orders of specialists, registered options traders ("ROT's"), firms, non-member market makers, and broker-dealers in connection with options transactions on the shares of the Vanguard Dividend Appreciation VIPERs (symbol: VIG).

The text of the proposed rule change, as amended, 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, Amex 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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Amex 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

Amex proposes to adopt a per contract licensing fee for options on VIG. This fee change will be assessed on members commencing April 27, 2006.

The Exchange has entered into numerous agreements with various index providers for the purpose of trading options on certain exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), such as VIG. This requirement to pay an index license fee to a third party is a condition to the listing and trading of these ETF

options. In many cases, the Exchange is required to pay a significant licensing fee to the index provider that may not be reimbursed. In an effort to recoup the costs associated with certain index licenses, the Exchange has established a per contract licensing fee for the orders of specialists, ROTs, firms, non-member market makers and broker-dealers, which is collected on every option transaction in designated products in which such market participant is a party.⁶

The purpose of this proposal is to charge an options licensing fee in connection with options on VIG. Specifically, Amex seeks to charge an options licensing fee of \$0.10 per contract side for the VIG options for specialist, ROT, firm, non-member market maker and broker-dealer orders executed on the Exchange. In all cases, the fees will be charged only to the Exchange members through whom the orders are placed.

The proposed options licensing fee will allow the Exchange to recoup its costs in connection with the index license fee for the trading of the VIG options. The fees will be collected on every order of a specialist, ROT, firm, non-member market maker, and broker-dealer executed on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposal to require payment of a per contract licensing fee in connection with the VIG options by those market participants that are the beneficiaries of Exchange index license agreements is justified and consistent with the rules of the Exchange.

The Exchange notes that the Amex, in recent years, has revised a number of fees to better align Exchange fees with the actual cost of delivering services and reduce Exchange subsidies of such services.⁷ Amex believes that the implementation of this proposal is consistent with the reduction and/or elimination of these subsidies. Amex believes that these fees will help to allocate to those market participants engaging in transactions in VIG options a fair share of the related costs of offering such options.

The Exchange asserts that the proposal is equitable as required by Section 6(b)(4) of the Act.⁸ In

⁶ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52493 (September 22, 2005), 70 FR 56941 (September 29, 2005).

⁷ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 45360 (January 29, 2002), 67 FR 5626 (February 6, 2002); and 44286 (May 9, 2001), 66 FR 27187 (May 16, 2001).

⁸ Section 6(b)(4) of the Act requires that the rules of a national securities exchange provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Partial Amendment No. 2.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).