

The proposed rule change would require NYSE-only members to remit to NASD a conforming initial \$20.00 CRD Branch Office System Processing Fee and a conforming \$20.00 CRD Annual Branch Office System Processing Fee in connection with branch offices processed via Form BR through the CRD system. These fees would be included on the NYSE Price List. The purpose of these branch office system processing fees is to recover the cost to NASD of developing and implementing the Form BR as well as for ongoing branch office system maintenance and enhancements.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>15</sup> which requires the rules of an Exchange to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members, and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change does not 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

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)<sup>16</sup> of the Act and paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>17</sup> in that it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable to NYSE members.

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 proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2006-47 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-47. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-47 and should be submitted on or before August 16, 2006

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5474]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-1998E, Foreign Service Written Examination Registration Form, OMB Control Number 1405-0008

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Foreign Service Written Examination Registration Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0008.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Human Resources, HR/REE/BEX.
- *Form Number:* DS-1998E.
- *Respondents:* Registrants for the Foreign Service Written Examination.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 32,316.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 32,316.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 20 minutes (1/3 hour).
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 10,772 hours.
- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from July 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

• Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

• Fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Margaret Dean, HR/REE/BEX, SA-1, 2401 E Street, H-518, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202-261-8898 or at [deanmm@state.gov](mailto:deanmm@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Individuals registering for the Foreign Service Written Examination will provide information about their name, age, Social Security Number, contact information, ethnicity, and very brief information on their education and work history. The information will be used to prepare and issue admission to the examination, to help improve future examinations, and to conduct research studies based on the examination results.

**Methodology**

Responses can be submitted via the online registration option or by telephone contact with the test contractor.

Dated: June 26, 2006.

**Raphael Mirabal,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

[Meeting No. 06-04]

**Notice of Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., July 28, 2006. TVA West Tower Auditorium, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**STATUS:** Open.

**Agenda**

*Old Business*

Approval of minutes of June 28, 2006, Board Meeting.

*New Business*

1. Report of the Finance, Strategy, and Rates Committee
  - A. FY 2007 Budget proposal.
  - B. Proposed Rate Adjustment, including fuel cost adjustment (FCA).
  - C. Proposed notice of termination and other actions regarding Variable Price Interruptible Power.
2. Report of the Audit and Ethics Committee.
  - A. Selection of PwC as external auditor.
3. Report of the Operations, Environment, and Safety Committee.
  - A. *Contract*—two term coal contracts for Kingston Fossil Plant with Trinity Coal Marketing LLC, and with Alpha Coal Sales Company LLC.
  - B. *Contract*—one term coal contract extension for Allen Fossil Plant with COALSALES LLC as agent for Powder River Coal Company.
  - C. *Contract*—uranium enrichment services for Sequoyah Unit 1 and Watts Bar Unit 1 with Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.
  - D. *Contract supplement*—for nuclear fuel fabrication and related engineering services for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant with Areva NP, Inc.
  - E. *Contract supplement*—for nuclear security services at all TVA nuclear sites with Pinkerton Government Services.
  - F. *Contract*—purchase of uranium hexafluoride (UF6) for use in nuclear fuel from Areva NC, Inc.
4. Report of the Community Relations Committee.
5. President's Report.
6. Information items approved by the Board previously.
  - A. *Long-Term Power Supply*—Approved price quote under arrangements with a directly served customer (Unnamed due to confidentiality provision with customer).
  - B. Approved adjusted blended energy prices under the Time-of-Use Blended Pricing Program arrangements with Arnold Engineering Development Center.
  - C. Approved extension and revision of existing interim delegations on personnel and compensation actions.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000. Anyone who wishes to comment on any of the agenda in writing may send their comments to: TVA Board of Directors, Board Agenda Comments, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

**Maureen H. Dunn,**

*General Counsel and Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Request for Field Hearing Proposals**

**AGENCY:** National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for field hearing proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission ("Commission") is conducting a study of the needs and financing of surface transportation as described in sections 1909(b)(5), (6), and (7) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, August 10, 2005). The Commission will conduct field hearings to receive views from interested parties and obtain public input to the study. The purpose of this notice is to request that organizations interested in co-hosting a field hearing submit proposals to the Commission. The hearings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** Requests from members of the public to participate as a co-host in these hearings must be received by the Commission not later than August 25, 2006. The hearings will be held on September 20-21, 2006, November 15-16, 2006, February 21-22, 2007, and April 18-19, 2007 in various locations throughout the country.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions should be captioned "Hearing Proposals" and e-mailed to [info@surfacecommission.gov](mailto:info@surfacecommission.gov). Submissions may also be mailed to Mr. Robert A. Mariner, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, (202) 493-0064, 400 Seventh