

bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the

following message addressed to Herbert N. Berkow: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication data and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Albert Carr, Duke Power Company, 422 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 23, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Atkins Library, University of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC Station), North Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of March 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353]**

**Philadelphia Electric Co.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Philadelphia Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its August 25, 1993, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85, for the Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively, located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.5.1 to reduce the frequency for venting the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS)

from once every 31 days to once every 6 months.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1993 (58 FR 50972). However, by letter dated December 21, 1994, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 25, 1993, and the licensee's letter dated December 21, 1994, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Pottstown Public Library, 500 High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of February 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-35422; File No. SR-BSE-95-05]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Implementation of a Three-Day Settlement Standard**

February 28, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 21, 1995, the Boston Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("BSE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by BSE. 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**

BSE proposes to modify its rules to implement a three business day settlement standard for securities transactions.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

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

In its filing with the Commission, BSE 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. BSE 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

On October 6, 1993, the Commission adopted Rule 15c6-1 under the Act which establishes three business days after the trade date ("T+3") instead of five business days ("T+5") as the standard settlement cycle for most securities transactions.<sup>2</sup> The rule will become effective June 7, 1995.<sup>3</sup>

The proposed rule change will amend BSE's definitions of transactions nominated as "Regular Way," "Buyer's or Seller's Option," and "Next Day" contained in Chapter II, Section 6 of BSE's rules and will amend Chapter X, Section 1 of BSE rules regarding the settlement of "Cash and Ex-Dividend Transactions." Under the proposed rule change, regular way settlement will occur on the third business day after the trade, and buyer's or seller's option trades will settle between four business days and 180 days following the contract date except that BSE may provide otherwise in specific issues or classes of securities. Next day trades will be able to settle on the first or second business day following the date of the contract. Securities will trade without (i.e., "ex") any dividend, right, or privilege on the second full business day preceding the record date except that when the record date is on a holiday the securities will trade "ex" on the third preceding full business day.

The proposed rule change also amends Chapter XV, Section 14 of BSE rules, "Claims and Reports against Specialist." This proposed change will shorten the time periods in which members can file claims of erroneous or omitted transactions against specialists. Claims regarding lack of a comparison of a reported transaction will have to be made within three days of the original

trade date of five days to comport with the changes in the settlement cycle. Claims regarding the omissions of reports and erroneous trade comparisons will have to be made within five business days instead of ten business days. The latter changes still will exceed the settlement cycle; however, they will exceed the settlement cycle by only two days instead of five thus reducing the risk associated with such claims. Finally, Chapter XXVIII, subparagraph (4) requires that customers provide their agent instructions within certain time frames for delivery versus payment and receipt versus payment transactions. The time frames contained in subparagraph (4)(i) and (ii) will be shortened by two business days.

The BSE's implementation of this proposed rule change will be consistent with the "T+3" conversion schedule which the National Securities Clearing Corporation has proposed for industry use. The schedule is as follows:

Trade date	Settlement cycle	Settlement date
June 2 Friday ...	5 day ...	June 9 Friday.
June 5 Monday	4 day ...	June 9 Friday.
June 6 Tuesday	4 day ...	June 12 Monday.
June 7 Wednesday.	3 day ...	June 12 Monday.

If the Commission determines to alter the exemptions currently provided in Rule 15c6-1, BSE may need to undertake additional rule amendments. It is intended that the proposed rule change will become effective on the same date as Commission Rule 15c6-1.

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities.

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

BSE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is 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 either solicited or received.

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

Within thirty-five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to ninety days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which BSE consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve such proposed rule change or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549. 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 Section, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of BSE.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BSE-95-05 and should be submitted by March 29, 1995.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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<sup>2</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 33023 (October 6, 1993), 58 FR 52891.

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34952 (November 9, 1994), 59 FR 59137.