August 1, 1995: Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

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Extension:

Form U–6B–2—File No. 270–81

Rule 52—File No. 270–326

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission has submitted for extension of OMB approval Form U–6B–2 (17 CFR 250.20(d), 250.47(b) and 250.52(b)) and Rule 52 (17 CFR 250.52), and proposed amendments thereto, under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79 *et seq.*).

Form U–6B–2 generally is necessary to provide basic information relating to securities issued, sold, reissued or guaranteed pursuant to an exemption from section 6(a) of the Act. Exemption from section 6(a) eliminates the requirement of filing a declaration of Form U–1.

Rule 52 permits public-utility subsidiary companies of registered holding companies to issue and sell certain securities without filing a declaration if certain conditions are met. Within ten days after the issue or sale of any security exempt under rule 52 (or, in some cases, on a quarterly basis), the issuer or seller must file with the Commission a certificate of notification on Form U–6B–2 containing the information prescribed by that form. Amendments to rule 52 have been proposed but not adopted. The proposed amendments would exempt additional public-utility financing, as well as certain nonutility financings. The current reporting requirement would not change as a result of these amendments.

The Commission estimates that the compliance time for Form U–6B–2 is one hour per filing, compared to 142 hours per filing for Form U–1. The Commission estimates the filing of 36 certificates of notification on Form U–6B–2 per year, having an annual burden of 36 hours.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the OMB Clearance Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to David T. Copenhafer, Acting Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549, and SEC Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Act Project Nos. 3235–0163 (Form U–6B–2) and 3235–0369 (Rule 52), Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 12, 1995.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Amendments Updating Various Exchange Rules

April 18, 1995.

On February 22, 1995, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (''Amex'' or ''Exchange'') submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (''SEC'' or ''Commission''), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'') [1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change to amend several of its rules to reflect current practices and to update various rules that have become obsolete.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35451 (Mar. 7, 1995), 60 FR 13742 (Mar. 14, 1995). No comments were received on the proposal.

As described more fully below, the Exchange has proposed amendments to several of its rules to conform an Amex rule to recent changes to a comparable New York Stock Exchange (''NYSE'') rule, to update certain rules that contain provisions that are no longer applicable, and to reflect current practices.

The Commission has reviewed carefully the Amex's proposed rule changes and concludes that the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, with Sections 6(b)(5), 6(b)(8), and 11A(a)(1) of the Act.[3] The Commission supports the Amex's efforts to continue to review the form and substance of its market trading regulations in response to changes in market structure and eliminate requirements that no longer serve a meaningful regulatory purpose. The Commission believes that it is important to market quality that the Exchange have a regulatory program that is tailored to the current market structure. The Commission believes that the proposed rule changes will be helpful in updating the Amex market structure and trading rules and will further the purposes of the Act.

Specifically, the Exchange proposes a rule change that would amend Commentary .01 to Rule 155 (Precedence Accorded to Orders Entrusted to Specialists) to delete the prohibition that a specialist may not disclose the amount of stock that the specialist and the book would be buying or selling in cleaning up the block. The Commission agrees that the proposed amendment to Rule 155 is substantially similar to recent revisions to NYSE Rule 104.10(7) [4] and, therefore, should be approved. In the Commission's order approving the NYSE's amendment to Rule 104.10(7), the Commission stated that the changes to the rule increase fairness in execution of block orders in accordance with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade. The Commission also stated that the rule change would help to assure that investors' orders are executed at the best possible market in accordance with section 11A(a)(1)(c)(iv) of the Act, which provides that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the practicability of brokers executing investors' orders in the best market. The Commission believes that the Exchange's proposed rule change similarly would further the purposes of the Act.

Moreover, the Exchange is updating other rules to eliminate obsolete references and reflect current Exchange practices. The Exchange proposes to

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4 (1994).

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5), 78f(b)(8), and 78k-1(a)(1) (1988 & Supp. V 1993).

[4] See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34231 (June 17, 1994), 59 FR 32722 (approving File No. SR–NYSE–90–10).