

12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

The Committee was formed in February 1995, and its responsibilities include advising the Commission regarding the informational needs of investors and the regulatory costs imposed on the U.S. securities markets.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the progress of the Committee's work, to discuss elements for a company registration system and preparation of the Committee's report, as well as to discuss general organizational matters.

Dated: November 2, 1995.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 to Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc., Relating to Uniform Listing and Trading Guidelines for Narrow-Based Stock Index Warrants

November 1, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on September 29, 1995, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with 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 the self-regulatory organization. On October 31, 1995, the Amex submitted Amendment No. 1 ("Amendment No. 1") to the proposal to establish a maintenance requirement with respect to the minimum number of securities that must comprise an index underlying a warrant issuance and to clarify issues relating to settlement values for both narrow-based and broad-based index warrants.¹ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 from interested persons.

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

The Amex proposes to amend Exchange Rules 462, 1100 and 1107 to establish uniform listing and trading

guidelines applicable to narrow-based stock index warrants. The text of the proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 thereto is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex and at the Commission.

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 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. The 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

In view of the recent approval of the regulatory framework for stock index warrants on broad-based stock indexes,² the Exchange now proposes to establish uniform listing and trading guidelines for warrants based on narrow-based indexes. To accommodate the trading of warrants on narrow-based indexes, the Exchange proposes to modify the recently approved regulatory framework for broad-based index warrants.³ Thus, the Exchange proposes to conform the rules applicable to warrants on narrow-based indexes to those applicable to options on narrow-based indexes.

The Commission approved the trading of options on narrow-based indexes in 1982 and it approved the trading of stock index warrants in 1988.⁴ The Exchange represents that it has had experience with respect to the trading of these derivative products, and it believes that the trading of warrants on narrow-based stock indexes presents no novel regulatory issues and should be permitted on the same basis as warrants overlying broad-based indexes.

To conform the trading of warrants on narrow-based indexes to the rules applicable to options on narrow-based indexes, the Exchange proposes that the same margin requirements applicable to short sales of narrow-based index

options apply to warrants overlying the same index. In addition, the Exchange proposes to apply a position limit structure similar to that which is applicable to narrow-based index options. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to establish position limits for narrow-based index warrants at three separate, fixed-tier amounts (4,875,000, 6,750,000, and 9,000,000), the applicable level being determined by the level of index component concentration. These levels are equivalent to 75% of the position limits applicable to narrow-based index options. Because broad-based index warrant position limit levels were established at approximately 75% of the corresponding levels for broad-based index options, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to establish narrow-based index warrant position limits at the corresponding level applicable to narrow-based index options.⁵

Also consistent with the existing regulatory framework for broad-based warrants, the issuer may elect to use closing prices for the securities underlying the index to determine settlement values at all times other than the day on which the final settlement value is to be determined ("valuation date"), as well as during the two business days preceding valuation date.⁶ Finally, the Exchange represents that it will not list a warrant on an index consisting of fewer than nine stocks unless the SEC separately approves such index for warrant trading. In addition, the Amex will impose a maintenance standard that requires an index to have at least nine stocks at all times, unless separately approved by the SEC.⁷

In all other respects, the Exchange represents that the rules applicable to the trading of broad-based and narrow-based index options are the same. Accordingly, it proposes that all other rules applicable to broad-based index warrants apply equally to warrants on narrow-based indexes. Finally, the Exchange represents that it will surveil trading in narrow-based index warrants in a similar manner to the surveillance

⁵ The position limit tiers have been established at 75% of the levels recently approved by the SEC in connection with a Philadelphia Stock Exchange proposal to increase position limits for narrow-based index options. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36194 (Sept. 6, 1995). Accordingly, the Exchange proposes that position limits for narrow-based index warrants be set at roughly 75% of the 6,000, 9,000 and 12,000 position limit levels.

⁶ See Amendment No. 1. The Commission notes that although the recently approved regulatory framework for broad-based index warrants establishes uniform settlement provisions for all exchanges, the Amex in this filing proposes to amend Section 106(e) to clarify its rule language.

⁷ See Amendment No. 1.

¹ Letter from William Floyd-Jones, Assistant General Counsel, Amex, to Michael Walinskas, SEC, dated October 31, 1995.

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36168 (Aug. 29, 1995).

³ The Exchange notes that a substantially similar regulatory scheme generally applies to broad-based index options and warrants.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 19264 (Nov. 22, 1982) and 26152 (Oct. 3, 1988).

of trading in broad-based index warrants.

Upon approval of this filing, the Exchange proposes that additional Commission review of a specific narrow-based warrant issuance will be required only for warrants overlying narrow-based indexes that have not previously been approved by the SEC for option or warrant trading. Thus, upon approval of this filing, the Exchange proposes it be permitted to list a warrant on any narrow-based index that the SEC has already approved for option trading.⁸

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

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

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will reduce or eliminate a burden on competition by allowing the listing of warrants on narrow-based indexes in the same manner as options on narrow-based indexes.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 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 the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

⁸In order to expedite SEC review of a particular warrant issuance, the Exchange may file for approval of the index underlying the proposed warrants pursuant to the procedures and criteria set forth in Commentary .02 to Rule 901C. These criteria establish streamlined procedures for listing options on stock industry groups (*i.e.*, narrow-based). Accordingly, the Exchange proposes that the same criteria apply to subsequent proposals to establish narrow-based indexes which underlie proposed warrant issuances.

(A) by order approve the 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, D.C. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-95-39 and should be submitted by November 28, 1995.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 21463; 811-1657]

Rochester Tax Managed Fund, Inc.; Notice of Application for Deregistration

November 1, 1995.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: Rochester Tax Managed Fund, Inc.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Order requested under section 8(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on September 28, 1995.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1994).

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 27, 1995, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, 350 Linden Oaks, Rochester, New York 14625.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne H. Khawly, Staff Attorney, at (202) 942-0562, or Robert A. Robertson, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant, a registered open-end investment company, incorporated in the state of New York on September 7, 1967. On May 31, 1968, applicant filed a Notification of Registration on Form N-8A and a registration statement on Form N-8B-1 pursuant to section 8(b) of the Act. Also on that date, applicant filed a registration statement on Form S-5 pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. The registration statement was declared effective on December 2, 1968, and applicant commenced its initial public offering on or about that date.

2. On April 12, 1995, applicant's board of directors approved an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Agreement") between the Rochester Fund Series—The Bond Fund For Growth ("The Bond Fund For Growth") and applicant. Applicant entered into the Agreement with The Bond Fund For Growth on April 26, 1995. Pursuant to the Agreement, The Bond Fund For Growth would acquire all of applicant's assets in exchange for shares of beneficial interest of The Bond Fund for Growth. In determining whether to recommend approval of the Agreement, applicant's board considered a number of factors