transaction with a DTC counterparty by making a book-entry delivery from its participant account at DBC to the DTC omnibus account at DBC and by identifying the DTC participant account to which the delivered shares should be credited. The receiving DTC participant could then redeliver on a free or versus payment basis within DTC. There would be no need for transporting physical certificates to DTC.

Under the proposal, DBC would, if required, provide subcustody services such as income collection, maturity presentments, and reorganization processing on securities held in DTC's omnibus account at DBC in accordance with DBC procedures as DTC currently does on securities held by DTC on behalf of DBC. Whether DTC is holding its underlying inventory in Germany or in the U.S., DTC services to participants would be the same as currently provided.

According to DTC, the primary benefits of opening an omnibus account at DBC are: (i) avoidance of failed transactions on the trade settlement date as a result of delays resulting from the current link;[4] (ii) elimination of most physical movements of German securities between DBC, DTC, and U.S. and German transfer agents and the costs and risks associated with such movements; and (iii) reduction of costs to DTC and DBC participants related to (i) and (ii). The realization of these benefits is consistent with DTC's objectives of providing efficient book-entry clearance and settlement facilities and of reducing risk to DTC participants by immobilizing certificates.

DTC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(A) of the Act[5] and the rules and regulations thereunder because the proposed enhancements will reduce risks and associated costs to participants of DTC and DBC by streamlining the processing of cross-border securities transactions between U.S. and German entities.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

DTC 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

Written comments from DTC participants have not been solicited or received on the proposed rule change.

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 DTC 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, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. 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 DTC. All submissions should refer to File No. SR–DTC–98–19 and should be submitted by October 14, 1998.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[6]

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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[4] As noted above, DTC anticipates that this will become a problem once German securities are made DTC-eligible.

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(A).

[6] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–40442; File No. SR–PCX–98–43]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. Relating to OptiMark Pricing

September 16, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] notice is hereby given that on September 8, 1998, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. (''PCX'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by PCX. 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

The PCX proposes to change its Schedule of Fees and Charges for Exchange Services by adding OptiMark transaction charges. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, PCX 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, PCX 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. PCX 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

Background. OptiMark is an electronic communications and information system operated by OptiMark Services, Inc., to support trading services offered by the Exchange. The OptiMark System is a computerized, screen-based trading service intended for use by Exchange

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

members and their customers to provide automatic order formulation, matching, and execution capabilities in the equity securities listed or traded on the Exchange. The OptiMark System is intended to be used in addition to the Exchange's traditional floor facilities to buy and sell securities on the PCX by allowing PCX members and their customers to submit ranges of trading interest anonymously from their computer terminals. The OptiMark System would then identify specific orders capable of execution and all orders matching by the system would be automatically executed on the Exchange.

Proposed fees. The Exchange proposes to charge a fee of $1.19 per 100 shares on OptiMark transactions for OptiMark customers who are regular PCX members and a fee of $1.25 per 100 shares on OptiMark transactions for OptiMark customers who are ASAP Members on the PCX.[2]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)[3] of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),[4] in particular, because it provides 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 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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)[5] and subparagraph (e)(2) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[6] 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.[7]

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., 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 Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of PCX.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–PCX–98–43 and should be submitted by October 14, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[8]

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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[2] ASAP Members are authorized broker-dealers who have ''automated system access privileges.'' The ASAP Member must be a broker-dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act. *See* Rule 1.14, ''Automated System Access Privileges (ASAP).''

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[6] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(e)(2).

[7] In reviewing this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[8] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps for Oxnard Airport, Oxnard, California

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted by the county of Ventura, California, for Oxnard Airport, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96–193) and 14 CFR Part 150, are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps for Oxnard Airport, Oxnard, California is September 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles B. Lieber, Airport Planner, Airports Division, AWP–611.1, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region. Mailing address: P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009–2007. Telephone (310) 725–3614. Street address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted for Oxnard Airport, Oxnard, California are in compliance with applicable requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, effective September 10, 1998.

Under Section 103 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as ''the Act''), an airport operator may submit to the FAA Noise Exposure Maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted Noise Exposure Maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of FAR Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a Noise Compatibility Program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the Noise Exposure Maps and supporting documentation submitted by the county of Ventura. The specific maps under consideration are Exhibit 1, ''1998 Noise Exposure Map'' and Exhibit 2, ''2003 Noise Exposure Map'' in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Oxnard