SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension

Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 SEC File No. 270–298 OMB Control No. 3235–0337

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 (OMB Control No. 3235–0337; SEC File No. 270–298).

Rule 17Ac2–2, 17 CFR 240.17Ac2–2, and Form TA–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 require transfer agents to file an annual report of their business activities with the Commission. The amount of time needed to comply with the requirements of Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 varies. From the total 1,210 registered transfer agents, approximately 300 registrants would be required to complete only Questions 1 through 4 and the signature section of amended Form TA–2, which we estimate would take each registrant about 30 minutes, for a total burden of 150 hours (300 × .5 hours). Approximately 410 registrants would be required to answer Questions 1 through 5, 10, and 11 and the signature section, which we estimate would take about 1 hour and 30 minutes, for a total of 615 hours (410 × 1.5 hours). The remaining registrants, approximately 500, would be required to complete the entire Form TA–2, which we estimate would take about 6 hours, for a total of 3000 hours (500 × 6 hours). We estimate that the total burden would be 3,765 hours (150 hours + 615 hours + 3000 hours).

We estimate that the total cost of reviewing and entering the information reported on the Forms TA–2 for respondents is $31.50 per hour. The Commission estimates that the total cost would be $118,597.50 annually ($31.50 × 3,765).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [68 FR 19240, April 18, 2003]

STATUS: Open Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Room 6600, Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Time Change.

The Open Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 10 a.m. has been changed to Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 1 p.m.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 942–7070.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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[Release No. 34–47693; File No. SR–NASD–2003–50]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. To Modify Fees for Computer-to-Computer Interface Lines Used by NASD Members and Non-Members To Provide Service Bureau Functionality

April 17, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on March 24, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (''NASD''), through its subsidiary, the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (''Nasdaq''), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Nasdaq has prepared. On March 28, 2003, the NASD submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed rule change, as amended.

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

Nasdaq proposes to establish a service bureau distributor fee for bandwidth enhancements of Computer-to-Computer Interface (''CTCI'') lines that are used to provide service bureau functionality.[3] If the Commission approves the proposal, Nasdaq proposes to implement the rule change retroactively as of April 1, 2003. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is in italics.[4]

7000. CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

Rule 7010. System Services

(a)–(e) No change.

(f) Nasdaq Workstation™ Service

(1) No change.

(2) The following charges shall apply for each CTCI subscriber:

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

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] The proposed rule change is applicable to both NASD member and non-members.

[4] The text is marked to show changes from the language of the rule as amended by SR–NASD–2003–43 (March 19, 2003) and SR–NASD–2003–46 (March 19, 2003).