

include the individual's name, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2006. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPIC is a U.S. Government agency which provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for environmentally sound projects which confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

**Connie M. Downs,**  
OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make

appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Guilford, Center for Leadership and Executive Resources Policy, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, 202-606-1391.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between November 1, 2005, and November 30, 2005. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for November 2005.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for November 2005.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during November 2005.

#### *Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

##### Office of Management and Budget

BOGS60153 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for National Security Programs. Effective November 18, 2005.

##### Office of National Drug Control Policy

QQGS00035 Policy Analyst and Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison to the Associate Deputy Director, State and Local Affairs. Effective November 1, 2005.

##### Office of the United States Trade Representative

TNGS00019 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy United States Trade Representative. Effective November 21, 2005.

#### *Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS61000 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Effective November 16, 2005.

DSGS61011 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Effective November 18, 2005.  
DSGS61013 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Nonproliferation. Effective November 21, 2005.

DSGS61014 Assistant Manager, President's Guest House to the Deputy

Chief of Protocol. Effective November 21, 2005.

DSGS61018 Foreign Affairs Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Democracy Human Rights and Labor. Effective November 28, 2005.

DSGS61016 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Education and Cultural Affairs. Effective November 29, 2005

#### *Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS60351 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs). Effective November 2, 2005.

DYGS00430 Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective November 14, 2005.

#### *Section 213.3306 Department of the Defense*

DDGS16892 Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Effective November 1, 2005.

DDGS16910 Staff Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective November 4, 2005.

DDGS16899 Staff Specialist to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal Affairs). Effective November 9, 2005.

DDGS16897 Director, Department of Defense Office of Legislative Counsel to the Deputy General Counsel, (Legal Counsel). Effective November 10, 2005.

DDGS16905 Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective November 22, 2005.

DDGS16911 Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal Affairs). Effective November 22, 2005.

DDGS16898 Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective November 28, 2005.

#### *Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00374 Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective November 10, 2005.

DJGS00398 Media Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective November 10, 2005.

DJGS00108 Special Assistant to the Director, Community Oriented Policing Services. Effective November 14, 2005.

DJGS00254 Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. Effective November 15, 2005.

DJGS00329 Associate Director to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental

- and Public Liaison. Effective November 15, 2005.
- DJGS00270 Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DJGS00410 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General. Effective November 18, 2005.
- Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security*
- DMGS00429 Director of Legislative Affairs for the Secretarial Offices to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective November 1, 2005.
- DMGS00426 Director of Communications for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to the Director, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. Effective November 9, 2005.
- DMGS00438 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis. Effective November 15, 2005.
- DMGS00440 Executive Assistant to the Special Assistant for Private Sector. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DMGS00441 Senior Legislative Assistant to the Director of Border Security, Transportation. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DMGS00442 Senior Legislative Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DMGS00443 Scheduler and Protocol Coordinator to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DMGS00444 Trip Coordinator to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DMGS00445 Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. Effective November 21, 2005.
- DMGS00446 Senior Advisor for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to the Officer of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Effective November 22, 2005.
- DMGS00447 Confidential Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective November 22, 2005.
- Section 213.3312 Department of the Interior*
- DIGS01048 Special Assistant to the Senior Adviser to the Secretary for Alaskan Affairs. Effective November 2, 2005.
- DIGS01051 Counselor to the Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management. Effective November 14, 2005.
- Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture*
- DAGS00834 Deputy White House Liaison to the Secretary. Effective November 8, 2005.
- DAGS00835 Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for Rural Development. Effective November 18, 2005.
- Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce*
- DCGS00529 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services. Effective November 1, 2005.
- DCGS00672 Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary. Effective November 4, 2005.
- DCGS60136 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. Effective November 10, 2005.
- Section 213.3315 Department of Labor*
- DLGS60177 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security. Effective November 18, 2005.
- Section 213.3316 Department of Health and Human Services*
- DHGS00632 Special Outreach Coordinator to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Policy and Strategy). Effective November 2, 2005.
- DHGS60548 Senior Speechwriter to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective November 14, 2005.
- DHGS60697 Special Assistant to the Director of Medicare Outreach and Special Advisor to the Secretary. Effective November 16, 2005.
- DHGS60524 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Effective November 22, 2005.
- Section 213.3317 Department of Education*
- DBGS00476 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective November 17, 2005.
- DBGS00477 Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative, Region 4 to the Director, Regional Services. Effective November 17, 2005.
- DBGS00479 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective November 17, 2005.
- DBGS00484 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DBGS00485 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective November 18, 2005.
- DBGS00478 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective November 28, 2005.
- Section 213.3318 Environmental Protection Agency*
- EPGS60092 Associate Assistant Administrator to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Effective November 21, 2005.
- Section 213.3323 Federal Communications Commission*
- FCGS00196 Director, Office of Legislative Affairs to the Chairman. Effective November 9, 2005.
- Section 213.3327 Department of Veterans Affairs*
- DVGS60069 Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective November 3, 2005.
- DVGS00100 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective November 14, 2005.
- Section 213.3330 Securities and Exchange Commission*
- SEOT90006 Confidential Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective November 22, 2005.
- Section 213.3339 United States International Trade Commission*
- TCGS60100 Senior Economist to the Commissioner. Effective November 11, 2005.
- TCGS00037 Staff Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective November 18, 2005.
- Section 213.3342 Export-Import Bank*
- EBSL00220 Senior Vice President for Export Finance to the Chairman and President. Effective November 30, 2005.
- Section 213.3360 Consumer Product Safety Commission*
- PSGS60064 Special Assistant (Legal) to a Commissioner. Effective November 3, 2005.
- PSGS00066 Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist to the Executive Director. Effective November 15, 2005.
- Section 213.3370 Millennium Challenge Corporation*
- CMOT00001 Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. Effective November 22, 2005.

*Section 213.3373 Trade and Development Agency*

TDGS60001 Executive Assistant to the Director. Effective November 22, 2005.

*Section 213.3382 National Endowment for the Humanities*

NHGS00080 Director of Congressional Affairs to the Chairman. Effective November 28, 2005.

*Section 213.3391 Office of Personnel Management*

PMGS60026 Scheduler and Special Assistant to the Executive Director and Senior Counselor. Effective November 21, 2005.

*Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation*

DTGS60139 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective November 9, 2005.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Linda M. Springer,**

*Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

**FEDERAL REGISTER** Citation of Previous Announcement:

[70 FR 74850, December 16, 2005].

**STATUS:** Closed Meeting.

**PLACE:** 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS:** Additional Meetings (Week of December 19, 2005).

Closed Meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, December 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries may attend the Closed Meetings. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meetings.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, voted to consider the items

listed for the closed meetings in closed sessions and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2005 will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement matter.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2005 will be: Institution of injunctive actions; and Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement matter.

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) 551–5400.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–52974; File No. SR–NYSE–2005–88]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to the Waiver of Initiation Fees Charged to New Lessee Members

December 16, 2005.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 13, 2005, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NYSE” 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 Exchange. On December 14, 2005, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange filed the

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>3</sup> See Partial Amendment dated December 14, 2005 (“Amendment No. 1”). In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange (i) added information to the purpose section to conform it to the proposed rule text; (ii) made changes to the Exchange’s 2005 Price List to conform it to the proposed changes to Exchange Rule 301; (iii) amended the rule text to indicate that the effective date for the waiver is December 13, 2005; and (iv) made technical changes.

proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>4</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>5</sup> which render the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 301 to waive the initiation fees charged to new lessee members upon lease of an Exchange seat. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (<http://www.nyse.com>), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

### 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 Exchange 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 Exchange 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

The Exchange proposes to waive the initiation fees charged to lessee members upon a new lease of an Exchange seat.

Article II, Section 4 of the Exchange’s constitution authorizes the Exchange’s Board of Directors to impose by rule initiation fees on new lessee members. The Board has established an initiation fee for lessee members by its adoption of Supplementary Material .27 (Payments to be made on day of approval of transfer or lease and payments to be made prior to admission to membership) of Exchange Rule 301. Supplementary Material .27 of Exchange Rule 301 sets initiation fees for leased seats at an amount equal to 5% of the last contracted sale of a seat, subject to minimum and maximum fees of \$1,000 and \$5,000 respectively. As seat prices

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).