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The collection of information under the regulation has been approved through January 31, 2006, by OMB under control number 1212-0041. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC estimates that it will receive 78 Form 200 filings per year under this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 160.5 hours and \$44,132.

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Rick Hartt,

Chief Technology Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reportable Events

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of the collection of information under part 4043 of its regulations relating to Reportable Events (OMB control number 1212-0013; expires January 31, 2006). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by January 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503.

Copies of the request for extension may be obtained without charge by

writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at Suite 11102 at the above address or by visiting that office or calling 202-326-4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.) The reportable events regulations, forms, and instructions may be accessed on the PBGC's Web site at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James L. Beller, Jr., Attorney, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4043 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires plan administrators and plan sponsors to report certain plan and corporate events to the PBGC. The reporting requirements give the PBGC timely notice of events that indicate plan or employer financial problems. The PBGC uses the information provided in determining what, if any, action it needs to take. For example, the PBGC might need to institute proceedings to terminate the plan (placing it in trusteeship) under section 4042 of ERISA to ensure the continued payment of benefits to plan participants and their beneficiaries or to prevent unreasonable increases in its losses.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved through January 31, 2006, by OMB under control number 1212-0013. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC estimates that it will receive 705 reportable events per year under this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 2,974 hours and \$817,850.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-52984; File No. SR-Amex-2005-123]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Amex Rule 900-ANTE to Provide a Revised Implementation Date for the ANTE System, and To Eliminate Commentary .01 to Amex Rule 935-ANTE

December 20, 2005.

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 November 29, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Amex. The Amex filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.⁵ 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 Amex proposes to amend (i) Amex Rule 900-ANTE to provide a revised date for the completion of the implementation of the ANTE System for all options classes; and (ii) Amex Rule 935-ANTE, to eliminate Commentary .01 because the implementation of increased floor broker functionality in the ANTE System has made this provision obsolete. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Amex's Web site (<http://www.amex.com>), at the Amex's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ The Amex has asked the Commission to waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day operative delay. See Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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 proposal. 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—Revised Implementation Date—Amex Rule 900—ANTE

On May 20, 2004, the Commission approved the Amex's proposal to implement a new options trading platform known as the Amex New Trading Environment ("ANTE").⁶ On May 25, 2004, the Amex began rolling out the ANTE System on its trading floor on a specialist's post-by-specialist's post basis. At that time, the Amex anticipated that the roll out would be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2005. The Amex subsequently extended the implementation date for the full roll-out of the ANTE System to November 30, 2005.⁷ The Amex has rolled out the ANTE System to all its option classes except two: The Nasdaq 100 Index ("NDX") and the Mini Nasdaq Index ("MNX"). There are specific reasons why these products have not been rolled out on the ANTE System. The specialist in these products is concerned that the theoretical price calculator provided by the ANTE System may not accurately price the options on these indexes. The specialist is waiting for its own theoretical index price calculator, which has been installed and is currently being tested, to successfully calculate prices for these indexes and options. The Amex expects that the MNX/NDX specialist will have the proprietary calculator in place by December 31, 2005.

The Amex is now proposing to further revise its implementation schedule to provide that the remaining two option classes will be on the ANTE System by December 31, 2005. Maintaining two

systems for the trading of options—the legacy system (XTOPS, AODB and Auto-Ex) and ANTE—is costly. As a result, the Exchange is working diligently to have all option classes on the ANTE System by December 31, 2005, so that it can retire its legacy systems.

Increased Floor Broker Functionality—Amex Rule 935—ANTE

Amex Rule 935—ANTE (b) provides for the post trade allocation of contracts executed as the result of the submission of orders to trade with orders in the ANTE Central Book. If more than one ANTE Participant⁸ and/or a floor broker representing a customer order submits an order to trade with an order in the ANTE Central book within a period not to exceed five seconds after the initial ANTE Participant has submitted its order, all those ANTE Participants and the floor broker's customer will be entitled to participate in the allocation of any executed contracts. The ANTE System was initially unable to provide the functionality necessary for floor brokers representing customer orders in the trading crowd to directly participate in the post trade allocation of orders taken off the Central Book. Commentary .01 to Amex Rule 935—ANTE provides a temporary methodology for the specialist to disengage the post trading allocation system in a specific series, which allows the floor broker to alert the specialist within the five-second timeframe whenever the specialist's customer wants to participate in post trade allocation, and allows the specialist to provide for the customer's participation in post trade allocation when appropriate. The Commission approved the procedures set forth in Commentary .01 to Amex Rule 935—ANTE as a "reasonable, temporary solution."⁹ Effective November 18, 2005, the ANTE System gave floor brokers greater functionality to access the Central Book, and the Exchange now proposes to eliminate Commentary .01 because the implementation of greater floor broker functionality has made the procedures set forth in Commentary .01 unnecessary.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act¹⁰ in general, and furthers the

objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹¹ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and in general, to protect investors and the public interest; and is designed to prohibit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not 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

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

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms does not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement and the 30-day operative delay period for "non-controversial" proposals.

The Commission waives the five-day pre-filing requirement and the 30-day operative delay.¹² The Amex has represented that the theoretical price calculators for the final two options classes are not installed. The Commission believes that extending the deadline for implementing Amex Rule

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49747 (May 20, 2004), 69 FR 30344 (May 27, 2004) (SR-Amex-2003-89).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52740 (November 4, 2005), 70 FR 69170 (November 14, 2005), (SR-Amex-2005-109).

⁸ Amex Rule 900—ANTE (b)(45) defines ANTE Participant as the specialist and/or registered options trader(s) assigned to trade a specific options class on the ANTE System.

⁹ See footnote 6, *supra*.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹² For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

900-ANTE by one month should afford the Amex the time needed to install and/or fix the theoretical price calculators. The Commission believes that it is in the interest of investors and the public to delay implementation of the ANTE system until all of the components are in place and functioning properly, and to eliminate Commentary .01 to Amex Rule 935, which it is no longer necessary. Therefore, the foregoing rule change has become immediately effective and operative upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁴

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.

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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Amex-2005-123 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Amex-2005-123. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at Amex's Office of the Secretary. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Amex-2005-123 and should be submitted on or before January 17, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-52977; File No. SR-DTC-2005-20]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Discontinue Its Domestic Tax Reporting Service

December 19, 2005.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on November 21, 2005, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change and on November 23, 2005, amended the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC. DTC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act² and Rule 19b-4(f)(4) thereunder³ so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

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

The proposed rule allows DTC to discontinue the Domestic Tax Reporting Service ("DTax"). The termination of this service took effect on December 1, 2005.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.⁴

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

Although the Commission approved DTC's offering of DTax, DTC has determined that it will not offer the service in the future through DTC. The purpose of the proposed rule change is to terminate DTax as a DTC service offering. DTC participants will be informed of the termination of DTax at DTC by Important Notice.

DTax is a tax reporting service that accumulates and provides year-end tax recharacterization information on various securities types, including mutual funds, real estate investment trusts (REITs), Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), and common stock, to facilitate accurate and timely Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 tax reporting. DTC began offering the service in 1998, and it has grown to have a database of 13,000 securities, both DTC-eligible and (predominantly) non-DTC-eligible securities. The service is available through the Web and other proprietary computer-to-computer communications systems.

For purposes of efficiency and enhanced customer service, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, DTC's parent, will instead offer DTax. DTC participants will be given information regarding how to purchase the service outside of DTC. It is anticipated that DTax will be offered to customers at the same cost as it has been provided through DTC in the past.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

⁴ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by DTC.