

determined pursuant to U.S.C.; 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing on Threat Environmental Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1)" be held on September 20, and on less than one week's notice to the public. This meeting was originally scheduled for September 28.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-24044 Filed 9-21-01; 11:40 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-M

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 1, 2001; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: October 1 (Closed); October 2 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, October 1—10:30 a.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Performance.
2. Update on Workforce Planning and Development.
3. Notes to the Financial Statements.
4. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, October 2—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, September 10-11, 2001.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.
3. Board of Governors Calendar Year 2002 Meeting Schedule.
4. Office of the Governors Fiscal Year 2002 Budget.
5. Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Performance Plan—Government Performance and Results Act.

6. Borrowing Resolution.

7. Capital Investments.

- a. Wide Area Barcode Reader Replacement.
- b. Mail Evaluation, Readability & Lookup Instrument (MERLIN)—Phase 2.
- c. Point of Service (POS) ONE—Stage 3.

8. Tentative Agenda for the November 5-6-7, 2001, meeting in Washington, DC.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David G. Hunter, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-24077 Filed 9-21-01; 1:17 pm]

BILLING CODE 7710-12-M

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: September 10, 2001.

STATUS: Closed.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 66 FR 45066, August 27, 2001.

ADDITIONS:

1. Extension of Experimental Ride Along Case.
2. Filing of Experimental Case for Delivery Confirmation.

At its meeting on September 10, 2001, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to add these items to the agenda of its closed meeting and that no earlier announcement was possible. The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service certified that in her opinion discussion of this term could be properly closed to public observation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David G. Hunter, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-24078 Filed 9-21-01; 1:17 pm]

BILLING CODE 7710-12-M

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: To be published Monday, September 24, 2001.

STATUS: Open Meeting.

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

TIME AND DATE OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: September 25, 2001 at 1 p.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Items.

The following items have been added to the open meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room, at 1 p.m.:

(1) The Commission will consider extending the comment period for the Concept Release on the Effects of Decimal Trading in Subpennies. The Concept Release, which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2001, solicited the views of a wide range of commenters concerning the impact of subpenny price increments for quotations, orders, and trading stocks in a decimals environment. The original deadline for submitting public comment established by the Concept Release is September 24, 2001. Following the market disruption caused by the attacks of September 11, 2001, we have received requests to extend the original deadline.

For further information, please contact Kevin Campion, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulations at (202) 942-0744.

(2) The Commission will consider extending the deadline for the Exchanges and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (collectively the "Participants") to submit rule filings concerning the implementation of decimal pricing in equity securities and options pursuant to section 11A(a)(3)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Commission's Order of May 22, 2001 required the Participants to submit rule filings to establish the minimum price variation in each market for quoting equity securities and options by November 5, 2001, we believe that it may be necessary and appropriate to extend the original deadline. Such an extension would give the Participants adequate time to thoroughly analyze the important investor protection and market integrity issues that need to be addressed in order to preserve the benefits of decimalization. Extending the deadline would also allow the Commission to fully consider the comments submitted in response to the Concept Release on the Effects of Decimal Trading in Subpennies.

For further information, please contact Alton Harvey, Office Head, Office of MarketWatch, Division of Market Regulation at (202) 942-4167 or Kevin Campion, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation at (202) 942-0744.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier thereof was possible.

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 (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 21, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-24050 Filed 9-21-01; 12:14 pm]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-M

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44810; File No. SR-Amex-2001-73]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Amending Exchange Rule 220 Relating to Floor Broker Acceptance of Orders at the Specialist's Post

September 18, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on September 6, 2001, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 220 to allow floor brokers to accept orders over telephones at or near the specialist's post.

The text of the proposed rule change appears below. New text is in italics; deletions are in brackets.

Section 6. Floor Wires

Rule 220 Communications to and on the Floor

No member shall establish or maintain any telephonic or electronic communication between the Floor and

any other location, or between locations on the Floor, without the prior written approval of the Exchange.

Commentary

.01 With the approval of the Exchange, a member or member organization may establish and maintain a telephone line which permits a non-member located off the Floor to communicate with such member or member organization on the Floor. *Except as provided in Commentary .03 below, [T]he Exchange will not approve the use of a portable telephone or other portable communication device on the Floor which would permit direct voice communication between members and non-members.*

.02 No change.

.03 *With the approval of the Exchange, floor brokers may use wireless telephone devices to receive off-floor orders from any source (i.e., members, broker-dealers, non-broker-dealers, or public customers) at the specialist's post where the security is traded. The following requirements and conditions shall apply to the floor broker's use of telephone services at the specialist's post:*

(1) Only those quotations that have been publicly disseminated pursuant to SEC Rule 11Ac1-1 may be provided over telephones at or near the specialist's post.

(2) Floor Brokers may only receive orders over the telephone lines at the specialist post or the wireless telephone device during outgoing telephone calls initiated by the floor brokers.

(3) Only those floor brokers properly qualified in accordance with applicable rules and regulations may accept orders from public customers pursuant to this Commentary.

.04 [.03] No change.

.05 [.04] No change.

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

Exchange rules and policies currently prohibit floor brokers from taking orders from off-floor at the specialist's post and require off-floor orders to be received at the floor broker's booth. The Exchange believes that this prohibition, at times, impacts the fast and efficient routing and execution of orders at the Exchange. Therefore, the Exchange is now proposing to amend Exchange Rule 220 regarding communications to and on the floor to allow floor brokers to use telephones at or near the specialist's post or Exchange-provided wireless telephone devices to receive off-floor orders from any source (i.e., members, broker-dealers, non-broker-dealers or public customers). However, such orders would only be permitted to be received during outgoing conversations initiated by the floor broker. The Exchange notes that the wireless telephone devices currently in use by the Exchange would need to be reconfigured to allow outgoing phone calls to be made. Members and their employees would continue to be prohibited from using personal wireless voice communication devices on the trading floor.

In addition, the following requirements and conditions would apply to the floor brokers' use of telephone services at or near the specialist's post: (i) only those quotations that have been publicly disseminated pursuant to SEC Rule 11Ac1-1 may be provided over telephones at or near the specialist's post; (ii) floor brokers may only receive orders over the telephones during outgoing telephone calls that they have initiated; and (iii) only those floor brokers properly qualified in accordance with applicable rules and regulations may accept orders from public customers.³ The Exchange's policy regarding the use of time clocks at the specialist post would also be amended to allow floor brokers receiving orders over the telephone at or near a specialist post to use the time clock to stamp such order.

The Exchange intends to police compliance with the conditions applicable to use of telephones by floor

³ For example, floor brokers accepting orders from public customers are required to be qualified pursuant to Exchange Rule 341. Any floor broker accepting an order from a public customer is required to be Series 7 qualified and registered with the Exchange by a member organization approved to conduct non-member customer business.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.