

- Evaluate the accuracy of the burden estimate, including the assumptions and methodological validity used in determining the burden estimate;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden on respondents.

Overview of Information Collections

Title: Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price Survey and Background Survey.

OMB Control Number: 3206-0199.

Summary: The Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price Survey is used by OPM to collect price data in survey areas located in the nonforeign allowance areas and in the Washington, DC, area. The allowance areas are located in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The price surveys will be conducted annually in selected survey areas on a rotating basis.

The Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Background Survey is used by OPM to collect information to identify the services, items, quantities, outlets, and locations that will be surveyed in the annual price surveys. It is also used to collect information on local trade practices, consumer buying patterns, taxes and fees, and other economic characteristics related to living costs. The background survey will be conducted annually on a limited basis.

Need/Use for Surveys: The price survey is necessary for collecting living-cost data used to determine cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) paid to General Schedule, U.S. Postal Service, and certain other Federal employees in the allowance areas. The information is used to compare costs in the allowance areas with costs in the Washington, DC, area and to derive a COLA rate when the local cost of living significantly exceeds that in the DC area. The background survey is necessary to determine the continued appropriateness of items, services, and businesses selected for the annual price surveys. OPM uses the information collected under this survey to define the sources and parameters for the price surveys and to improve the COLA methodology.

Respondents: OPM will survey selected retail, service, realty, and other businesses and local governments in the allowance areas and in the Washington, DC, area. Approximately 2,200 establishments will be contacted in the price survey, and approximately 30 establishments will be contacted in the

background survey. Participation in the surveys is voluntary.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: OPM estimates that the average price survey interview will take approximately 7 minutes, for a total burden of 257 hours. The average background survey interview will take approximately 10 minutes, for a total burden of 5 hours.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following additional meeting during the week of October 8, 2001: a closed meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Unger, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matter 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)(9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(9)(i)(A), (9)(i)(B), and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

The subject matters of the closed meeting held on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, was: a regulatory matter regarding financial institutions; and continuation of matters discussed at previous meeting.

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: October 11, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [To be published on Monday, October 15, 2001].

STATUS: Closed meeting.

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

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Items.

The following items have been added to the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2001:

Institution of injunctive actions; and
Institution of an administrative proceeding of an enforcement nature.

Commissioner Unger, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required to above change and that no earlier notice 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 at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify SuperSOES Use Fees and the Liquidity Provider Rebate, Institute a Quotation Update Charge, and Introduce a Mechanism for Sharing Market Data Revenue With Certain NASD Members

October 10, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2001, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities