

1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$1.50 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

Counsel for the Company has stated that the Security has been approved for quotation on the National Market of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq National Market"), effective at the opening of business on Friday, December 15, 2000.³ The Amex will suspend trading in the Security on December 15, 2000, in conjunction with its being designated for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market. The Company made the decision to transfer its Security having determined that its long range plans for growth and investment will be better served by the dealer market of the Nasdaq National Market than by the auction market of the Amex.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and registration under Section 12(b) of the Act⁴ and shall have no effect upon the Security's continued obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁵

Any interested person may, on or before January 3, 2001, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:

[65 FR 77054, December 8, 2000]

STATUS: Closed meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: December 6, 2000.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Time change.

The closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., has been changed to Thursday, December 14, 2000, at 11:30 a.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: December 12, 2000.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-43697; File No. SR-OPRA-00-08]

Options Price Reporting Authority; Order Approving an Amendment to the Options Price Reporting Authority Plan to Establish Standards for Determining a Participation Fee

December 8, 2000.

I. Introduction

On September 12, 2000, the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Rule 11Aa3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ an amendment to the OPRA Plan for Reporting of Consolidated Options Last Sale Reports and Quotation Information ("OPRA Plan").² The proposed OPRA Plan

¹ 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2.

² OPRA is a National Market System Plan approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Act and Rule 11Aa3-2 thereunder. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 17638 (March 18, 1981). The OPRA Plan provides for the collection and dissemination of last sale and quotation information on options that are traded on the participant exchanges. The six exchanges that are participants to the OPRA Plan are the American Stock Exchange LLC, the Chicago Board Options

amendment would incorporate in the OPRA Plan factors to be considered by OPRA in determining the amount of the participation fee described in the current OPRA Plan as payable by each new party to the OPRA Plan. Notice of the proposed OPRA Plan amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2000.³ the Commission received one comment letter on the proposed OPRA Plan amendment.⁴ This order approves the proposal.

II. Description and Purpose of the Amendment

The OPRA Plan currently provides that any national securities exchange or registered securities association whose rules governing the trading of standardized options have been approved by the Commission may become a party to the OPRA Plan, provided it agrees to conform to the terms and conditions of the OPRA Plan and pays a participation fee to OPRA. The OPRA Plan does not establish the amount of the participation fee, but instead, states that the amount of the fee will be determined by OPRA in connection with each new application for participation, based upon standards incorporated in the OPRA Plan.⁵ OPRA believes that this approach provides sufficient flexibility to permit the determination of the fee to take into account the unique circumstances of each new application while, at the same time assuring that the amount of the fee is based upon a set of established standards, thus enabling the fee to be administered in a fair and consistent manner. Under this structure, the amount of the participation fee will be determined in discussions with each applicant in light of the standards embodied in the OPRA Plan, under the general oversight of the Commission. OPRA represents that this is the same general approach that is reflected in the plans of other registered securities information processor, such as the Consolidated Tape Association and the Consolidated Quotation System.⁶

Exchange, Inc., the International Securities Exchange LLC, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the Pacific Exchange, Inc., and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43347 (September 26, 2000), 65 FR 59035.

⁴ See letter from Gerald D. Putnum, Chief Executive Officer, Archipelago, L.L.C., to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Commission, dated October 20, 2000 ("Archipelago Letter").

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42817 (May 24, 2000), 65 FR 35149 (June 1, 2000) (File No. SR-OPRA-99-01).

⁶ See Section III(c) of the Second Restatement of the CTA Plan as restated December 1995, and Section III(c) of the Restatement of the CQ Plan as restated December 1995.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ Telephone conversation between T. Richard Litton Jr., Member, Kaufman & Canoles, and Matthew Boesch, Paralegal, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, on December 8, 2000.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78j(g).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).