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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 30th day of September 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 54, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB Control No. 3235-0427.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Sections 32 and 33 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), and rules 53 and 54 under the Act, permit, among other things, utility holding companies registered under the Act to make direct or indirect investments in exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs") and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), as defined in sections 32 and 33 of the Act, respectively, without the prior approval of the Commission, if certain conditions are met. Rules 53 and 54 do not create a reporting burden for respondents. Rule 53 does, however, contain recordkeeping and retention requirements. As required by Congress, the Commission mandates the maintenance of certain books and records identifying investments in and earnings from all subsidiary EWGs or FUCOs in order to measure their financial effect on the registered systems.

The Commission estimates that the total annual recordkeeping and record retention burden under rules 53 will be a total of 290 hours (10 hours per respondent \times 29 respondents = 290

burden hours). It is estimated that there will be no burden hours associated with rule 54.

These estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Supervisory Control and Inspection Procedures

September 30, 2004.

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 August 2, 2004, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items

have been prepared by NASD. On September 23, 2004, NASD submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 from interested persons. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is granting accelerated approval to the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

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

NASD is proposing to amend NASD Rules 3010 and 3012, with the intention of aligning certain supervisory control and inspection requirements with the corresponding supervisory control and inspection requirements in New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") Rule 342.19 and NYSE Interpretation Handbook provision 342(a)(b)/03. NASD is also proposing several amendments to NASD Rule 22510, relating to discretionary accounts, that NASD states are non-substantive and technical. The SEC approved these rules in their current form on June 17, 2004.⁴ Below is the text of the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1. Proposed new language is in *italics*; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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2510. Discretionary Accounts

(a) through (c) No Change.

(d) Exceptions

This Rule shall not apply to:

(1) discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite amount of a security shall be executed, except that the authority to exercise time and price discretion will be considered to be in effect only until the end of the business day on which the customer granted such discretion, absent a specific, written contrary indication signed and dated by the customer. This limitation shall not apply to time and price discretion exercised [for orders effected with or for] *in* an institutional account, as defined in Rule 3110(c)(4), pursuant to valid Good-Till-Cancelled instructions issued on a "not-held" basis. Any exercise of time and price discretion

³ See letter from Patricia Albrecht, Assistant General Counsel, NASD, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated September 23, 2004 ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 49883, 69 FR 35092 (June 23, 2004) (order approving NASD's proposed rule change); Exchange Act Release No. 49882 (June 17, 2004), 69 FR 35108 (June 23, 2004) (order approving NYSE's proposed rule change).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.