

include the following: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted during the open house informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting Mr. Stephen Lemont or Ms. Michelle Moser by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 5163 or 6509, or by e-mail to the NRC at Fermi3.COLEIS@nrc.gov no later than 5 p.m. EST on January 6, 2009. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting prior to the start of the session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the EIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Stephen Lemont's attention no later than 5 p.m. EST on December 30, 2008, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the scope of the Fermi 3 COL EIS to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. To ensure that comments will be considered in the scoping process, written comments must be postmarked or delivered by February 9, 2009. Electronic comments may be sent by e-mail to the NRC at Fermi3.COLEIS@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions must be sent no later than February 9, 2009, to ensure that they will be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be made available electronically and will be accessible through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The NRC staff may, at its discretion, consider

comments submitted after the end of the comment period.

Participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the EIS relates. A Notice of a hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding on the application for a COL will be published in a future **Federal Register** notice.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached on the scope of the environmental review, including the significant issues identified, and will send this summary to each participant in the scoping process for whom the staff has an address. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft EIS, which will be the subject of a separate **Federal Register** notice and a separate public meeting. Copies of the draft EIS will be available for public inspection at the PDR through the above-mentioned address and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of comments on the draft EIS, the NRC will prepare a final EIS, which will also be available to the public.

Information about the proposed action, the EIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Stephen Lemont at 301-415-5163 or by e-mail at Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of December 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Scott Flanders,

Director, Division of Site and Environmental Reviews, Office of New Reactors.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 59056]

Order Granting Registration of Egan-Jones Rating Company To Add Two Additional Classes of Credit Ratings

December 4, 2008.

Egan-Jones Rating Company, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"), furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an application under Section 15E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") to register for the two classes of credit ratings described in clauses (iv) and (v) of Section 3(a)(62)(B) of the Exchange Act. The Commission finds that the application furnished by

Egan-Jones Rating Company is in the form required by Exchange Act Section 15E, Exchange Act Rule 17g-1 (17 CFR 240.17g-1), and Form NRSRO (17 CFR 249b.300).

Based on the application, the Commission finds that the requirements of Section 15E of the Exchange Act are satisfied.

Accordingly,

It Is Ordered, under paragraph (a)(2) of Section 15E of the Exchange Act, that the registration of Egan-Jones Rating Company with the Commission for the classes of credit ratings described in clauses (iv) and (v) of Section 3(a)(62)(B) of the Exchange Act is granted.

By the Commission.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59050; File No. SR-Amex-2008-70]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To Revise Its Initial Listing Process To Eliminate the Current Appeal Process for Initial Listing Decisions, Add a New Confidential Pre-Application Eligibility Review Process, and Upgrade Its Listing Requirements by Eliminating the Alternative Listing Standards

December 3, 2008.

I. Introduction

On September 4, 2008, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex," or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend the procedures for initial listing of securities on Amex. On September 17, 2008, Amex filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2008.³ Initially one comment was received opposing the proposed rule change.⁴ NYSE Alternext

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58570 (September 17, 2008), 73 FR 55185 ("Notice").

⁴ See letter from Brendan E. Cryan, Managing Member Brendan E. Cryan & Company, LLC, and Jonathan Q. Frey, Chief Operating Officer of J.