issue or issuer remains available after the issuance.

Municipal offerings of less than $1 million are exempt from the rule, as are offerings of municipal securities issued in large denominations that are sold to no more than 35 sophisticated investors, have short-term maturities, or have short-term tender or put features. It is estimated that approximately 12,000 brokers, dealers, municipal securities dealers, issuers of municipal securities, and nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories will spend a total of 123,850 hours per year complying with Rule 15c2–12.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: October 22, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35–27742]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (''Act'')

October 23, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission under provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 17, 2003, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549–0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 17, 2003 the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alliant Energy Corporation, et al. (70–9891)

Alliant Energy Corporation. (''Alliant Energy''), a registered holding company under the Act, Alliant Energy Resources, Inc. (''AER''), a nonutility subsidiary of Alliant Energy, both located at 4902 N. Biltmore Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53718; AER's direct nonutility subsidiaries Alliant Energy Integrated Services Company and its subsidiaries, Alliant Energy Investments, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and Alliant Energy Transportation, Inc., all located at 200 First Street S.E., Cedar Rapid, Iowa 52401; and AER's subsidiaries Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (''Whiting Oil and Gas''); [1] and Whiting Petroleum Corporation (''WPC''),[2] all located at Mile High Center, Suite 2300, 1700 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80290–2300 (collectively, ''Applicants''), have filed a post-effective amendment under sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act and rule 54 under the Act to their application-declaration (''Post-Effective Amendment'').

By order dated October 3, 2001 (''Prior Order''),[3] as amended by a supplemental order dated December 17, 2002 (''Supplemental Order''),[4] the Commission authorized Alliant Energy, AER and certain other nonutility subsidiaries of Alliant Energy (''Nonutility Subsidiaries''), through December 31, 2004 (''Authorization Period''), to engage in a program of external long-term financing transactions, to provide guarantees and other forms of credit support with respect to obligations of subsidiaries of Alliant Energy, to enter into interest rate hedges, to engage in certain non-utility energy-related activities, and to engage in certain other related transactions.

In the Prior Order, the Commission authorized Alliant Energy, through AER and its other Nonutility Subsidiaries, to invest in certain types of energy-related nonutility assets in the United States and Canada, specifically including natural gas production, gathering, processing, storage and transportation facilities and equipment, liquid oil reserves and storage facilities, and associated facilities (collectively, ''Energy Assets''), that are incidental to the ongoing oil and gas exploration and production and energy marketing, brokering and trading operations of the Nonutility Subsidiaries. The Commission also authorized AER and its subsidiaries to invest up to $800 million (''Investment Limitation'') at any one time outstanding during the Authorization Period in Energy Assets or in the equity securities of existing or new companies substantially all of whose physical properties consist or will consist of Energy Assets.[5]

Applicants request a modification to the Prior Order to: (i) authorize WPC,[6] Whiting Oil and Gas and their subsidiaries to invest up to $800 million at any one time outstanding in Energy Assets (''WPC Investment Limitation'') and (ii) reduce the current Investment Limitation under the Prior Order from $800 million to $200 million (''New AER Investment Limitation'').[7] Only

[1] Whiting Oil and Gas was formerly known as Whiting Petroleum Corporation.

[2] WPC was formerly known as Whiting Petroleum Holdings, Inc. WPC is a new intermediate subsidiary formed by AER to become a holding company over Whiting Oil and Gas.

[3] HCAR No. 27448 (October 3, 2001).

[4] HCAR No. 27620 (December 17, 2002).

[5] Applicants state that, as of June 30, 2003, AER and its subsidiaries had made investments during the Authorization Period in Energy Assets totaling approximately $384 million, of which $379 million represented investments in oil and gas exploration and production properties by Whiting Oil and Gas.

[6] Applicants state that on July 25, 2003, WPC (under the name Whiting Petroleum Holdings, Inc.) filed a Registration Statement on Form S–1 (File No. 333–107341) with respect to an initial public offering (''IPO'') of its common stock. AER states that it expects to sell at least 51% of the issued and outstanding common stock of WPC in the IPO. Applicants state that it expects that the IPO will be completed by the end of November 2003. Applicants further state that AER intends to divest its remaining interest in WPC during the first half of 2004, subject to market conditions. Thus, Applicants request in this Post-Effective Amendment, that the modification to the Prior Order be granted, subject only to the sale of at least 50% of the common stock of WPC or Whiting Oil and Gas to one or more purchasers in a public or negotiated private sale.

[7] The proposed modifications would increase the overall investment limitation in Energy Assets from

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those existing investments in Energy Assets made by AER through subsidiaries other than Whiting Oil and Gas (approximately $5 million as of June 30, 2003) and new investments in Energy Assets by AER or its subsidiaries (other than WPC and its subsidiaries) after the IPO (or other sale of at least 50% of WPC's or Whiting Oil and Gas's common stock) will be counted against the New AER Investment Limitation. Existing investments in Energy Assets by Whiting Oil and Gas as of the date of the IPO (or other sale of at least 50% of WPC's or Whiting Oil and Gas's common stock) (approximately $379 million as of June 30, 2003) will be counted against the WPC Investment Limitation. Other than the proposed modifications proposed by the Applicants, all other terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions under the Prior Order and Supplemental Order, as applied to Energy Assets, will continue to apply during the Authorization Period.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–48556A; File No. SR–CBOE–2001–04]

Self Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Thereto by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., and Order Granting Partial Accelerated Approval on a Pilot Basis of the Proposed Rule Change, as Amended, To Adopt a New Rule Regarding Nullification and Adjustment of Transactions

October 23, 2003.

Correction

In FR Document No. 03–25263, beginning on page 57716 for Monday October 6, 2003, the last full sentence in the text of column 2 on page 57720, which states that the provisions of the proposed rule change are in effect on a pilot basis until December 3, 2003, was incorrectly stated. The sentence should read as follows:

Furthermore, pursuant to Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change are in effect on a pilot basis until December 1, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[1]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–48670; File No. SR–NQLX–2003–06]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC To Amend Rules 412(g) and 420(b) To Make Its Allocation and Claim Requirements for Block Trades and Exchange for Physical Trades Consistent With the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Rule Relating to Allocation of Bunched Orders

October 21, 2003.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–7 under the Act,[2] notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2003, Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC (''NQLX'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the NQLX. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. On July 15, 2003, NQLX filed the proposed rule change with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (''CFTC''), together with a written certification under Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act[3] (''CEA'') in which NQLX indicated that the effective date of the proposed rule change would be July 16, 2003.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Description of the Proposed Rule Change

NQLX proposes to amend NQLX Rules 419(g) and 420(b) to make NQLX's allocation and claim requirements for block trades and exchange for physical trades consistent with the CFTC's new Rule 1.35(a–1)(5)(iii)(A)[4] requirement that allocations of bunched orders must occur as soon as practicable but ''no later than a time sufficiently before the end of the day the order is executed to ensure that clearing records identify the ultimate customer for each trade.'' Also, in NQLX Rule 419(g)(2)(x), NQLX proposes to remove the term ''and'' as redundant.

The text of the proposed rule change appears below. New text is in *italics.* Deleted text is in [brackets].

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Rule 419 Block Trades

(a)–(f) No change.

(g) Information Recording, Submission, and Dissemination

(1) No change.

(2) (i)–(ix) No change.

(x) price or prices of each leg of a Strategy trade (if applicable), [and]

(xi)–(xiv) No change.

(3) NQLX will review the information submitted for the proposed Block Trade by the Member for the Initiator and will post both sides of the Block Trade *in NQLX's Trade Registration System* to the account of[, and send a confirmation to,] the Member for the Initiator if, at the time, the Block Trade appears to have satisfied the requirements of Rule 419.

(4) After [sending the Block Trade confirmation to the Member for the Initiator]*posting both sides of the Block Trade in the Trade Registration System to the account of the Member for the Initiator,* NQLX will immediately disseminate through the ATS the following information concerning the Block Trade:

(i)–(iv) No change.

(5) No change.

(6) As soon as practicable [, but no longer than 10 minutes, after receipt of the Block Trade confirmation from NQLX,] *but no later than sufficiently before the close of the Trade Registration System to allow for the orderly allocation and claim of the Block Trade,* the Member for the Initiator (or its Clearing Member, if applicable) must transfer through the Trade Registration System the applicable portion of the Block Trade to the Member for the Responder (or its Clearing Member, if applicable) and the designated Market Maker, if applicable.

(7) As soon as practicable [,but no longer than 10 minutes,] after the applicable portion of the Block Trade appears on the Trade Registration System pursuant to Rule 419(g)(6) *and before the close of the Trade Registration System,* the Member for the Responder (or its Clearing Member, if applicable) and the designated Market Maker, if applicable, must accept its applicable portion through, and designate the Responder's Customer

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the $800 million authorized in the Prior Order to $1 billion.

[1] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–7.

[3] 7 U.S.C. 7a–2(c).

[4] 17 CFR 1.35(a–1)(5)(iii)(A).