

replace the Commission's current office space located in its existing headquarters building at 450 5th Street, NW., and in an overflow facility at 901 E Street, NW., in Washington, DC. The Commission plans to lease this replacement space in Station Place because its lease is expiring at its current headquarters at 450 5th Street, and because its space requirements exceed its current capacity at both 450 5th Street and 901 E Street. The environmental assessment will be prepared in accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The environmental assessment shall also determine whether the Commission's decision to lease office space in Station Place will significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and hence require an environmental impact statement (EIS), or a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) under NEPA.

Interested individuals and groups and other members of the public are invited to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during preparation of the environmental assessment. Interested Federal, regional and local agencies have also been solicited for comment. Public comments received on the potential impacts of the proposed action will be considered for the environmental assessment. To be most helpful, comments would clearly describe specific issues or topics that the community believes the environmental assessment should address. All written comments regarding the proposed project must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2002 and should be submitted in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609. All comment letters should refer to File Number S7–06–02. Comment letters will be available for inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [67 FR 15258, March 29, 2002].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

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

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Item.

The following item has been added to the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2002: consideration of amicus participation.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the 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: March 29, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC To Make Permanent a Pilot Program Under Amex Rule 126(g), Commentary .01 Relating to Size Precedence

March 27, 2002.

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 March 22, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to

solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to make permanent the existing pilot program under Amex Rule 126(g), Commentary .01 regarding a 5,000 share minimum block cross size to establish size precedence. The text of the proposed rule change is below. There are no changes proposed to the existing rule, other than to make permanent the pilot program.

Rule 126 Precedence of Bids and Offers

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(g) No change.

Commentary .01

Orders to cross 5,000, shares or more, where one or both sides of such cross is for the account of a member or member organization, will be permitted to establish precedence based on size so long as the orders are represented at the post when a sale removing all bids and offers from the Floor takes place. Once the precedence of such orders of 5,000 shares or more has been established, the broker handling the cross must then bid and offer the security in accordance with Rule 152.

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II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On March 28, 2001, the Commission approved on a one-year pilot basis the Exchange's proposal to reduce from 25,000 to 5,000 shares the minimum size block cross that will be permitted

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.