

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The standard routine uses for customer-related systems apply.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Automated databases, computer Storage media, and paper.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By customer name, customer ID(s), distinguished name, certificate serial number, receipt number, and transaction date.

SAFEGUARDS:

For public keys, hardcopy records and computer records are stored in a building with access controlled by guards and room access controlled by card readers. Information in the database is protected by a security architecture of several levels that includes an asynchronous gateway, network firewall, operating security system, and database software security architecture. Internal access to the database is limited to the system administrator, database administrator, and designated support personnel. Key pairs are protected against cryptanalysis by encrypting the private key and by using a shared secret algorithm to protect the encryption key, and the certificate authority key is stored in a separate, tamperproof, hardware device. Activities are audited, and archived information is protected from corruption, deletion, and modification.

For authentication services and electronic postmark, electronic data is transmitted via secure socket layer (SSL) encryption to a secured data center. Computer media are stored within a secured, locked room within the facility. Access to the database is limited to the system administrator, database administrator, and designated support personnel. Paper forms are stored within a secured area within locked cabinets.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records related to Pending Public Key Certificate Application Files are added as received to an electronic database, moved to the authorized certificate file when they are updated with the required data, and records not updated within 90 days from the date of receipt are destroyed.

Records related to the Public Key Certificate Directory are retained in an electronic database, are consistently updated, and records are destroyed as they are superseded or deleted.

Records related to the Authorized Public Key Certificate Master File are retained in an electronic database for the life of the authorized certificate.

When the certificate is revoked, it is moved to the certificate revocation file.

The Public Key Certificate Revocation List is cut off at the end of each calendar year and records are destroyed 30 years from the date of cutoff.

Records may be retained longer with customer consent or request.

Other records in this system are retained for 7 years.

Records are deleted or destroyed at the end of the retention period.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President, United States Postal Service, 1735 N Lynn St, Arlington VA 22209.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

For authentication services, electronic postmarks, and digital certificates, inquiries should be addressed to:

Manager, Identity and Document Verification Services, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plz. SW., Washington DC 20260.

Customers wanting to know if other information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries in writing to the system manager, and include their name and address.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Notification Procedure and Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Customers.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 67 FR 72711, December 6, 2002.

STATUS: Closed meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING:
Additional meeting.

The Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an additional closed meeting during the week of December 9, 2002:

An additional closed meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 2 p.m.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2002, will be:

Formal orders of investigation;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Adjudicatory matter; and
Litigation matter.

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 11, 2002.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of December 16, 2002:

An Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at 10 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room, and a Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2002 will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to adopt exemptions for most standardized options from provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and from the registration requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The exemptions would ensure comparable regulatory treatment of standardized options and security futures products.

2. The Commission will consider proposing new rules and rule amendments to implement (a) the mandated electronic filing of reports required to be filed by officers, directors and principal security holders under section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (b) Web site posting of such reports by issuers, both of which are required by section 16(a)(4) of the Exchange Act, as amended by section 403 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2002 will be:

Formal orders of investigation;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and

Opinion.

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 11, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Its Solely Listed Issue Credit

December 6, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on November 1, 2002, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE") submitted to 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 BSE. On December 3, 2002, the BSE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal with the Commission.³ 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 BSE proposes to amend the portion of its Floor Operations Fee Schedule that pertains to solely listed issue credit.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the BSE and the Commission.

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 BSE 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 BSE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from John A. Boese, Assistant Vice President, BSE, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated December 2, 2002 ("Amendment No. 1"), which replaced the original Form 19b-4 in its entirety. In Amendment No. 1, the BSE made technical corrections to Item 9 of the original Form 19b-4 and to the Transaction Fee Schedule provided in Exhibit 2.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the Floor Operations Fee Schedule to increase its Solely Listed Issue credit. The BSE seeks to increase from \$25 to \$50 per issue the monthly credit it offers its specialists for trading those issues that are only listed on the BSE ("Solely Listed Issues"). The BSE believes that its Solely Listed Issue program is an integral part of the products and services it offers its customers and proposes this increase as a way to assist in maintaining the program.

2. Statutory Basis

The BSE believes the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6 of the Act⁴ in general, and with section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁵ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its issuers.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The BSE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The BSE has neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the BSE believes that the proposal establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁷ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).