

processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect to mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

- (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and
- (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed,<sup>13</sup> or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>15</sup> 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.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed

rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-00-52 and should be submitted by October 17, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>16</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Coast Guard**

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#### **Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** "The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum" will hold a meeting to discuss various waterways management issues. Agenda items will include updates on Great Lakes dredging and aquatic nuisance species issues; progress reports from Forum Subcommittees on Communications, Navigation Technologies, Outreach, Cruise Ships; reports from Forum members on Waterway User Conflicts, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 10, 2000 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 2000 to be considered at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the U.S. Coast Guard Club located on the U.S. Coast Guard Moorings, 1055 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44199. Any written comments and materials should be submitted to Commander (map), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Patrick Gerrity (map), Ninth Coast Guard District, OH 44199, telephone (216) 902-6049. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend this meeting should contact CDR Gerrity.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Great Lakes Waterways Management Forum identifies and resolves waterways management issues that involve the Great Lakes region. The forum meets twice a year to assess the Great Lakes region, assign priorities to areas of concern and identify issues for resolution. The forum membership has identified agenda items for this meeting that include: updates on Great Lakes dredging and aquatic nuisance species issues; progress reports from Forum Subcommittees on Communications, Navigation Technologies, Outreach, Cruise Ships; reports from Forum members on Waterway User Conflicts, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. Additional topics of discussion are solicited from the public.

Dated: September 7, 2000.

**G.S. Cope,**

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2000-4)]

#### **Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2000 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2000 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.062. The fourth quarter 2000 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.589. The fourth quarter 2000 RCAF-5 is 0.567.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DA•TO•DA OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Room 405, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, telephone (202) 466-5530.

<sup>13</sup> The Commission notes that the proposed rule change will not be effective until November 1, 2000. See footnote 8 and accompanying discussion.

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).