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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Proposed Regulation NMS Hearings

Dear Mr. Katz:

In response to the Notice of Hearings published by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release 34-49408 (March 12, 2004) with respect to proposed Regulation NMS, published in Release No. 34-49325 (February 26, 2004), I hereby request an opportunity to appear before the Commission and present testimony with respect to the proposed Regulation at the hearing to be held on April 21, 2004, at the InterContinental The Barclay New York in New York, N.Y., commencing at 9:00 a.m. I recently retired from working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange where I was first a broker and then a specialist for a total of 33 years. During my time on the floor I served in a number of capacities including CEO of Merrill Lynch Specialists, a Governor of the Exchange and President of The Specialist Association. In each of these roles I was deeply involved in market structure issues and my interest continues today.

I am available to testify on the alternative date set for the first hearing on the proposed Regulation, April 1, 2004. I would prefer, however, to appear on April 21, 2004.

I plan to submit a summary of my intended testimony on or before March 26, 2004, as required in the Notice.

Please notify me as promptly as possible whether my request to appear has been granted by e-mail at seijaro@aol.com or telephone at (973) 334-3689.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Seijas