

investments generated approximately \$3.8 million in income (not including gain from sale of Australian FUCO investments).

The fees, commissions and expenses incurred or to be incurred by Alliant Energy in connection with the proposed transactions, including the Proxy Solicitation, are estimated not to exceed \$21,000.

No state commission, and no federal commission, other than this Commission, has jurisdiction over the proposed Proxy Solicitation.

*It Is Ordered*, under rule 62 under the Act, that, with respect to the Proxy Solicitation, the Declaration is permitted to become effective immediately, subject to the terms and conditions contained in rule 24 under the Act.

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

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-03552]

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Scope Industries To Withdraw its Common Stock, No Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC

March 31, 2004.

Scope Industries, a California corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its Common Stock, no par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on March 17, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing and registration on the Amex and to seek quotation of the Security on OTC Pink Sheets ("OTC") by a market maker. The Board of the Issuer states that the reasons for delisting its Security from the Amex are as follows: (i) As of December 31, 2003, the number of record holders of the Issuer's Security

has declined to approximately 70 with approximately 70% of the outstanding Security being held by officers and members of the Board or their immediate families; (ii) in the quarter ending December 31, 2003, the average daily trading volume in the Security on the Amex declined to approximately 150 shares per day; (iii) the Board has become increasingly concerned with the increasing costs (as opposed to the benefits) associated with maintaining the Amex listing to support such an inactive trading market for the Security including, without limitation, the costs associated with compliance with the rules promulgated by Commission; (iv) the Board believes that an adequate market for those persons who want to buy or sell the Issuer's Security will develop in the OTC market; and (v) overall, the Board believes it would be in the best interest of the Issuer and its shareholders to withdraw the Security from listing on the Amex and to take steps to cooperate with the establishment of an OTC market for its Security.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of California, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before April 21, 2004, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters should refer to File No. 1-03552. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz**,  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49511; File No. S7-10-04]

### Regulation NMS

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Change in hearing schedule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has changed the schedule for its hearings on proposed Regulation NMS.

**DATES:** The Commission will hold a public hearing on Regulation NMS on April 21, 2004 in New York, New York. Subsequent hearings will be scheduled as needed.

**ADDRESSES:** The April 21, 2004 public hearing will be held at the InterContinental The Barclay New York at 111 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017. Persons submitting requests to appear or written testimony in lieu of testifying should file three copies of the request or testimony with Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20459-0609. Persons requesting to appear should also submit three copies of their oral statement or summary of their testimony to the same address. Persons who previously submitted a request to testify need not resubmit a request. Requests to appear and copies of oral statements or summaries of intended testimony may be filed electronically at the following e-mail address: [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). The words "Request to Testify" should be clearly noted on the subject line of the request. All requests and other submissions also should refer to File No. S7-10-04. Copies of all requests and other submissions and transcripts of the hearings will be available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All submitted requests and other materials will be posted on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). We do not edit personal information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sapna C. Patel, Special Counsel, Office

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).