

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Co., Inc., To Withdraw Its Variable Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E-7, Par Value \$2.50, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-15595

December 31, 2003.

Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Co., Inc., a Washington 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")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Variable Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E-7, par value \$2.50 ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

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 Washington, 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 Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on December 23, 2003 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex and to list such Security on the OTC Bulletin Board. The Board states that the following reason factored into its decision to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on the Amex: on December 22, 2003, the Issuer received notice from the Exchange that the Issuer was not in compliance with the Exchange's continued listing standards pursuant to Sections 1003 and 1009 of the Exchange's Company Guide.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before January 28, 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. 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.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Newtek Business Services, Inc., To Withdraw Its Common Stock \$.02 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-16123

December 31, 2003.

Newtek Business Services, Inc., a New York 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")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.02 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

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 New York, 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 Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on December 19, 2003 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex. The Board states that the following reasons factored into its decision to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on the Amex and the apply to list its Security on the Nasdaq National Market System ("NMS"): (i) Listing on the NMS is likely to increase the visibility of the Issuer among investors, particularly institutional investors, and (ii) listing on the NMS will assist in the Issuer's efforts to attract additional analyst coverage for its Security and ultimately

add to the value of the Issuer's Security by increasing the liquidity of the investment.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before January 28, 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. 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.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Summit Securities, Inc., To Withdraw Its Variable Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S-3, Par Value \$10.00, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-16177

December 31, 2003.

Summit Securities, Inc., an Idaho 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")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Variable Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S-3, par value \$10.00 ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78j(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 2003.0-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78j(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

applicable laws in the State of Idaho, 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 Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on December 23, 2003 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex and to list such Security on the OTC Bulletin Board. The Board states that the following reason factored into its decision to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on the Amex: On December 22, 2003, the Issuer received notice from the Exchange that the Issuer was not in compliance with the Exchange's continued listing standards pursuant to Sections 1003 and 1009 of the Exchange's Company Guide.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before January 28, 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. 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.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on August 11, 2003 [68 FR 47634-47635].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Ball at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (NPO-400), 202-366-5649, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6132, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Title: Air Bag Deactivation.

OMB Number: 2127-0588.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: If a private individual or lessee wants to install an air bag on-off switch to turn-off either or both frontal air bags, they must complete Form OMB 2127-0588 to certify certain statements regarding use of the switch. The dealer or business must, in turn, submit the completed forms to NHTSA within seven days. The submission of the completed forms by the dealers and repair business to NHTSA, as required, will serve the agency several purposes. They will aid the agency in monitoring the number of authorization requests submitted and the pattern in claims of risk groups membership. The completed forms will enable the agency to determine whether the dealers and repair business are complying with the terms of the exemption, which include a requirement that the dealers and repair businesses accept only fully completed forms. Finally, submission of the completed forms to the agency will promote honesty and accuracy in the filling out of the forms by vehicle owners. The air bag on-off switches are installed only in vehicles in which the risk of harm needs to be minimized on a case-by-case basis.

Affected Public: Private individuals, fleet owners and lessees, motor vehicle dealers, repair business.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Departments estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 31, 2003.

Susan White,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Voluntary Testing and Mandatory Enrollment for a New Method of Submitting the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), of which the agencies are members, has approved the agencies' publication of this notice announcing the voluntary testing and mandatory enrollment for a new method of submitting the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report; FFIEC 031 and 041). Testing will be conducted in three phases (a functional pilot, and end-to-end test, and a 100+ bank test), after which there will be mandatory global enrollment in the new system for all institutions that file the Call Report.

DATES: TESTING TIMEFRAME: Second and third quarters 2004.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78j(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).