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General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copy Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form N-8A; File No. 270-135; OMB Control No. 3235-0175.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form N-8A—Notification of Registration of Investment Companies. Form N-8A [17 CFR 274.10] is the form that investment companies file to notify the Commission of the existence of active investment companies. After an investment company has filed its notification of registration under section 8(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*] ("1940 Act"), the company is then subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act which govern certain aspects of its organization and activities, such as the composition of its board of directors and the issuance of senior securities. Form N-8A requires an investment company to provide its name, state of organization, form of organization, classification, if it is a management

company, the name and address of each investment adviser of the investment company, the current value of its total assets and certain other information readily available to the investment company. If the investment company is filing simultaneously its notification of registration and registration statement, Form N-8A requires only that the registrant file the cover page (giving its name, address and agent for service of process) and sign the form in order to effect registration.

The Commission uses the information provided in the notification on Form N-8A to determine the existence of active investment companies and to enable the Commission to administer the provisions of the 1940 Act with respect to those companies. Each year approximately 263 investment companies file a notification on Form N-8A, which is required to be filed only once by an investment company. The Commission estimates that preparing Form N-8A requires an investment company to spend approximately 1 hour so that the total burden of preparing Form N-8A for all affected investment companies is 263 hours. Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information on Form N-8A is mandatory. The information provided on Form N-8A is not kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Extension: Form N-8B-2; SEC File No. 270-186; OMB Control No. 3235-0186.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form N-8B-2—Registration Statement of Unit Investment Trusts that are Currently Issuing Securities.

Form N-8B-2 is the form used by unit investment trusts ("UITs") that are currently issuing securities, including UITs that are issuers of periodic payment plan certificates and UITs of which a management investment company is the sponsor or depositor, to comply with the filing and disclosure requirements imposed by section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-8(b)]. Form N-8B-2 requires disclosure about the organization of a UIT, its securities, the trustee, the personnel and affiliated persons of the depositor, the distribution and redemption of securities, and financial statements. The Commission uses the information provided in the collection of information to determine compliance with section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act.

Based on the Commission's industry statistics, the Commission estimates that there would be approximately one initial filing on Form N-8B-2 and 11 post-effective amendment filings to the Form. The Commission estimates that each registrant filing an initial Form N-8B-2 would spend 44 hours in preparing and filing the Form and that the total hour burden for all initial Form N-8B-2 filings would be 44 hours. Also, the Commission estimates that each UIT filing a post-effective amendment to Form N-8B-2 would spend 16 hours in preparing and filing the amendment and that the total hour burden for all post-effective amendments to the Form would be 176 hours. By combining the total hour burdens estimated for initial Form N-8B-2 filings and post-effective amendments filings to the Form, the Commission estimates that the total

annual burden hours for all registrants on Form N-8B-2 would be 220. Estimates of the burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the PRA, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms.

The information provided on Form N-8B-2 is mandatory. The information provided on Form N-8B-2 will not be kept confidential. The Commission may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 thereto Relating to an Amendment to Amex Rule 131

July 8, 2004.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2004, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with 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 Exchange. On June 10, 2004, the Amex amended the proposed

rule change.³ The Exchange filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁵ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rule 131. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed new language is in *italics*.

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Rule 131. Types of Orders

(a) through (h) No change.

(i) A fill or kill order is a market or limited price order which is to be executed in its entirety as soon as it is represented in the Trading Crowd, and such order, if not so executed, is to be treated as cancelled. For purposes of this definition, a "stop" is considered an execution. *A fill or kill order for securities other than options sent to the order book electronically and not executed by Auto-Ex will be cancelled automatically.*

(j) No change.

(k) An immediate or cancel order is a market or limited price order which is to be executed in whole or in part as soon as such order is represented in the Trading Crowd, and the portion not so executed is to be treated as cancelled. For the purposes of this definition, a "stop" is considered an execution. *In the case of an immediate or cancel order for securities other than options sent to the order book electronically, any portion not executed by Auto-Ex will be cancelled automatically.*

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, a "commitment to trade" received on the Floor through ITS shall be treated in the same manner, and entitled to the same privileges, as would an immediate or cancel order that reaches the Floor at the same time (i.e., the commitment shall be executed in whole or in part as soon as it reaches the Trading Crowd and any portion not so executed shall be cancelled); provided however, that such a commitment may not be "stopped" and the commitment shall remain

³ See letter from William Floyd-Jones, Assistant General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated June 9, 2004 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No. 1, the Amex replaced the proposed rule change in its entirety.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

irrevocable for the time period chosen by the sender of the commitment.

(l) through (t) No change.

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

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to modify the definitions of "fill or kill" ("FOK") and "immediate or cancel" ("IOC") orders for equity securities to provide that if these orders were to be sent to the book electronically, and were to not be executed by Auto-Ex, the orders would be cancelled automatically. Under the proposed rule change, a person sending an FOK or IOC order to the Exchange would receive an immediate electronic report of an execution, partial execution, or a nothing done. Orders sent to the book electronically with the FOK and IOC qualifiers, accordingly, would be processed automatically without any human intervention.

The Exchange believes that modifying the processing of FOK and IOC orders sent to the book electronically so that they are automatically cancelled if not executed automatically would conform Amex practice with respect to the handling of these orders to customer expectations. Currently, the Exchange frequently receives marketable orders for securities traded in an Auto-Ex environment immediately followed by a message to cancel the orders. The Exchange believes that the persons sending these related messages are seeking an immediate automatic execution to all or part of their orders and wish to cancel whatever quantity is not executed automatically. The Exchange thus believes that these persons would use the proposed FOK and IOC orders if they were available since these orders would provide for an immediate automatic execution or cancellation and an immediate

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.