

staff estimates that preparation of the rule 18f-3 plan may require 4 hours of the services of an attorney or accountant employed by the firm, at a cost of approximately \$140 per hour for professional time,⁷ and approval of the plan may require 1 hour of the attention of each of 6 directors, at a cost of approximately \$635 per hour per director.⁸ The staff therefore estimates that the aggregate annual cost of complying with the paperwork requirements of the rule is approximately \$2,495,270 ((4 hours × 1 professional × 571 responses × \$140) + (1 hour × 6 directors × 571 responses × \$635)).

The estimated annual burden of 5,710 hours represents an increase of 937 hours over the prior estimate of 4,773 hours. The increase in burden hours is attributable to a change in estimates of the number of multiple class funds that are subject to the rule based on recent Commission filings. For the most part, however, most funds require less time to prepare the rule 18f-3 plans because they only need to amend existing plans.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The estimate is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules.

Complying with this collection of information requirement is mandatory. Responses will not be 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 control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the

18f-3 plan every two years when issuing a new class or amending a plan (or that 571 of all 1,142 funds prepare and approve a plan each year). The estimate assumes that the time required to prepare a plan is 4 hours per plan (or 2,284 hours for 571 funds annually), and the time required to approve a plan is an additional 1 hour per director per plan (or 3,426 hours for 571 funds annually (assuming 6 directors per fund)).

⁷ Hourly rates are derived from salary information compiled by the Securities Industry Association. We used the annual salary listed for the Deputy General Counsel position, adjusted upward by 35% to reflect possible overhead costs and employee benefits, to make our estimate. See Securities Industry Association, *Report on Management and Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry* (2004) (available in part at <http://www.careerjournal.com/salaryhiring> (last visited Nov. 17, 2005)).

⁸ Hourly rates are based on previous estimates, adjusted to reflect a 27% reported increase in compensation during the 2003-2004 period. See Management Practice Inc. Bulletin: More Meetings Means More Pay for Fund Directors (April 2005) (available at <http://www.mfgovern.com>).

information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burdens of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Applera Corporation To Withdraw Its Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock \$.01 Par Value, Together With Rights To Purchase Series A Participating Junior Preferred Stock, \$.01 Par Value, and Applera Corporation-Celera Genomics Group Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, Together With Rights To Purchase Series B Participating Junior Preferred Stock, \$.01 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-04389

December 1, 2005.

On November 14, 2005, Applera Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), 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 Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group common stock \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series A participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value, and Applera Corporation-Celera Genomics Group common stock, \$.01 par value, together with rights to purchase series B participating junior preferred stock, \$.01 par value (collectively "Securities"), from listing

and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on June 16, 2005 to withdraw the Securities from PCX. The Issuer stated that the Board determined that it is in the best interest of the Issuer and its stockholders to withdraw the Securities from PCX to avoid the direct and indirect costs associated with the listing of the Securities on PCX since the Securities are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with applicable rules of PCX by providing PCX with the required documents governing the withdrawal of securities from listing and registration on PCX. The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on PCX and shall not affect its continued listing on NYSE or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before December 23, 2005, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of PCX, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-04389 or;

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-04389. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

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.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of SJW Corp. To Withdraw Its Common Stock, \$1.042 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-08966

December 1, 2005.

On November 10, 2005, SJW Corp., a California corporation ("Issuer"), 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, \$1.042 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

On October 27, 2005, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution to withdraw the Security from listing on Amex. The Board decided that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to list the Security on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). In order to avoid the direct and indirect costs and the division of the market resulting from dual listing on Amex and NYSE, the Board decided to withdraw the Security from listing on Amex.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in effect in the State of California, in which it is incorporated, and provided written notice of withdrawal to Amex.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex, and shall not affect its continued listing on the NYSE or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before December 23, 2005, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of Amex, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-08966 or;

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-08966. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

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.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission

will hold the following meeting during the week of December 12, 2005:

An Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 10 a.m. in Room L-002, the Auditorium.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to propose a new rule that would enable a foreign private issuer meeting specified conditions to terminate its Exchange Act registration and reporting obligations under section 12(g) regarding a class of equity securities as well as terminate permanently its section 15(d) reporting obligations regarding a class of equity or debt securities. The Commission will also consider whether to propose a rule amendment that would apply the exemption from Exchange Act registration under Rule 12g3-2(b) to a class of equity securities immediately upon the effective date of the issuer's termination of effectiveness regarding that class of securities.

For further information, please contact Elliot Staffin, Special Counsel, Office of International Corporate Finance, Division of Corporation Finance at (202) 551-3450.

2. The Commission will consider whether to adopt amendments to the "accelerated filer" definition in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to ease some of the current restrictions on the exit of companies from accelerated filer status. The Commission will also consider adopting amendments that would amend the final phase-in of the Form 10-K and Form 10-Q accelerated filing deadlines that is scheduled to take effect next year. Accelerated filers currently are scheduled to become subject to a 60-day filing deadline for their Form 10-K annual reports filed for fiscal years ending on or after December 15, 2005, and a 35-day deadline for the three subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

For further information, please contact Katherine Hsu, Special Counsel, Office of Rulemaking, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 551-3430.

3. The Commission will consider whether to propose amendments to the best-price rule for issuer and third-party tender offers under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The proposed amendments would clarify that the best-price rule applies only with respect to the consideration offered and paid for securities tendered in a tender offer and should not apply to consideration offered and paid according to employment compensation, severance or other employee benefit arrangements entered into with employees or directors of the company that is the target of a third-party tender offer.

For further information, please contact Mara L. Ransom, Special Counsel, Office of Mergers & Acquisitions, Division of Corporation Finance at (202) 551-3440.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).