

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 58243, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* eRecruit.

*OMB Control Number:* 3145-0184.

*Abstract:* National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Human Resources Management (HRM), as part of its Workforce Planning efforts, is continuing to reengineer its business

processes. Part of this reengineering effort is devoted to making the application and referral process for both internal and external applicants easier to use, more efficient and timely. Applicants apply on-line using a web-based resume, which prompts them to provide pertinent personal data necessary to apply for a position.

*Use of the Information:* The information is used by NSF to provide applicants with the ability to apply electronically for NSF positions and receive notification as to their qualifications, application dispensation and to request to be notified of future vacancies for which they may qualify.

In order to apply for vacancies, applicants are encouraged to submit certain data in order to receive consideration. Users only need access to the Internet for this system to work. This information is used to determine which applicants are best qualified for a position, based on applicant responses to a series of job related "yes/no" or "multiple choice" questions. The resume portion requires applicants to provide the same information they would provide were they submitting a paper OF-612. The obvious benefit being that the applicant may do so on-line, 24 hours a day/seven days a week and receive electronic notification about the status of their application or information on other vacancies for which they may qualify. Staff members of the Division of Human Resource Management and the selecting official(s) for specific positions for which applicants apply are the only ones privy to the applicant data. The most significant data is not the applicant personal data as address or phone number but rather their description of their work experience and their corresponding responses to those questions, which determine their overall rating, ranking, and referral to the selecting official.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes to create the on line resume and potentially less than 45 minutes to apply for jobs on-line.

There is no financial burden on the applicant, in fact this relieves much of the burden the former paper-intensive process puts on applicants.

*Respondents:* Individuals. 7,104 applicants applied for NSF vacancies between October 2004 and September 2005.

*Average Number of Applicants:* Approximately 63 responses per job opening for vacancy announcements between October 2004 and September 2005.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* Approximately 45 minutes per respondent total time is all that is needed to complete the on-line application, for a total of 5,328 hours annually.

*Frequency of Responses:* Applicants need only complete the resume one time, and they may use that resume to apply as often as they wish for any NSF job opening.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 7, 2005.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 70 FR 72866, December 7, 2005.

**STATUS:** Closed meeting.

**PLACE:** 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETING:** Additional meeting.

A closed meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii)

and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Nazareth, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005 will be:

Formal orders of investigations; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and Amicus consideration.

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.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 70 FR 72318, December 2, 2005.

**STATUS:** Closed meeting.

**PLACE:** 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETING:** Additional meeting.

An additional closed meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 11 a.m.

Commissioners and certain staff members who have an interest in the matter will attend the closed meeting.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Nazareth, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the closed meeting in closed session and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2005 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

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.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Release No. 34-52893; File No. SR-Amex-2005-067]**

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change To Expand Its \$2.50 Strike Price Interval Program

December 5, 2005.

#### I. Introduction

On June 17, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to amend Commentary .06 to Amex Rule 903 to expand the \$2.50 Strike Price Interval Program for individual equity options to allow the listing of options with \$2.50 strike price intervals for strike prices between \$50 and \$75. The Commission published the proposed rule change for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 2005.<sup>3</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

#### II. Description of the Proposal

The \$2.50 Strike Price Interval Program ("Program") was initially adopted in 1995 as a joint pilot program of the options exchanges, which permits them to list options with \$2.50 strike price intervals up to \$50 on a total of up to 100 option classes.<sup>4</sup> The Program was later expanded and permanently approved in 1998 to allow the options exchanges collectively to select up to 200 classes on which to list options

with \$2.50 strike price intervals.<sup>5</sup> Of these 200 option classes eligible for the Program, 51 classes were allocated to Amex pursuant to a formula approved by the Commission as part of the permanent approval of the Program. Each options exchange, in addition, is permitted to list options with \$2.50 strike price intervals on any option class that another exchange selects as part of its Program. Under the Program currently, an option with a \$2.50 strike price interval may be listed only if the strike price is between \$25 and \$50.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .06 to Amex Rule 903 to allow the listing of options with \$2.50 strike price intervals for options with strike prices between \$50 and \$75. However, the \$2.50 strike price intervals between \$50 and \$75 must be no more than \$10 from the closing price of the underlying stock in its primary market on the preceding day. For example, and as expressly described in the proposed change to Commentary .06 to Amex Rule 903, if an option class has been selected as part of the Program, and the underlying stock closes at \$48.50 in its primary market, Amex could list options with strike prices of \$52.50 and \$57.50 on the next business day. If the underlying stock closes at \$54, Amex could list options with strike prices of \$52.50, \$57.50, and \$62.50 on the next business day. The proposed rule change does not increase the total number of option classes that Amex may select for the Program.

In addition, the Exchange has proposed other technical changes to Commentary .06 to Amex Rule 903, including expressly noting in the rule text that: (1) the total number of option classes, *i.e.*, 51, that the Amex has been allocated of the 200 classes that are eligible for the Program; and (2) an option class shall remain in the Program until otherwise designated by the Exchange and a decertification notice is sent to the Options Clearing Corporation.

#### III. Discussion

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.<sup>7</sup> In particular, the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52690 (October 27, 2005), 70 FR 66869.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35993 (July 19, 1995), 60 FR 38073 (July 25, 1995) (approving File Nos. SR-Phlx-95-08, SR-Amex-95-12, SR-PSE-95-07, SR-CBOE-95-19, and SR-NYSE-95-12).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40662 (November 12, 1998), 63 FR 64297 (November 19, 1998) (approving File Nos. SR-Amex-98-21, SR-CBOE-98-29, SR-PCX-98-31, and SR-Phlx-98-26).

<sup>6</sup> See, *e.g.*, Amex Rule 903, Commentary .06.

<sup>7</sup> In approving this rule proposal, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).