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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of December, 2003.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of December 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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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 22, 2003:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 2 p.m.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commission, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matter 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)(5), (7), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (5), (7), and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

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

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 2003 will be: Settlement of an injunctive action.

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) 942-7070.

Dated: December 23, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to the Exceptions to the Exchange's Firm Quote Rule

December 18, 2003.

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 December 1, 2003, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Amex proposes to amend Rule 958A to eliminate the application of the Rule's exceptions to different series within the same option class. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below in its entirety. Proposed deletions are in brackets.

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Rule 958A Application of the Firm Quote Rule

(a) through (b) No change
(c) *Obligations of a Responsible Broker or Dealer*—(i) No change.

(ii) No responsible broker or dealer shall be obligated to execute a transaction for any listed options as provided in paragraph (c)(i) when:

(A)(1) Prior to the presentation of an order to sell (buy), a responsible broker

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.