# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### **Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

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 11, 2006:

An Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Room L–002, the Auditorium.

The subject matters of the Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006, will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to propose, jointly with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, new rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") to implement the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act bank exceptions to the definition of "broker." The Commission will also consider extending the temporary exemption of banks from the definition of "broker." In addition, the Commission will consider whether to propose additional related rules, including rules exempting banks from the definition of "dealer" under the Exchange Act.

2. The Commission will consider whether to repropose a new rule that would enable a foreign private issuer meeting specified conditions to terminate permanently its Exchange Act registration and reporting obligations under Section 12(g) regarding a class of equity securities and its Section 15(d) reporting obligations regarding a class of equity or debt securities. The Commission will also consider whether to repropose 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 registration and reporting obligations under the reproposed new exit rule.

3. The Commission will consider whether to propose interpretive guidance to assist the management of an Exchange Act reporting company, other than an investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, in planning and performing its annual evaluation of internal control over financial reporting. The Commission will also consider whether to propose amendments to Rules 13a-15 and 15d–15 under the Exchange Act that would make it clear that a company choosing to perform an evaluation of internal control in accordance with the interpretive guidance would satisfy the annual evaluation required by those rules.

4. The Commission will consider whether to adopt amendments to the proxy rules under Section 14 of the Exchange Act. The amendments would provide an alternative for Internet-based disclosure. Companies conducting proxy solicitations could satisfy the Rule 14a–3 requirement to furnish proxy materials by posting those proxy materials on an Internet Web site and providing shareholders with notice of the Internet availability of the materials. Other soliciting persons also would be permitted to follow the Internet alternative. The Commission also will consider whether to propose mandating Internet disclosure of proxy materials.

5. The Commission will consider whether to propose a new antifraud rule under Section 206 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Commission will also consider whether to propose a new rule under the Securities Act of 1933 to revise the criteria for natural persons to be considered "accredited investors" for purposes of investing in certain privately offered investment vehicles.

6. The Commission will consider whether to re-open the comment period on proposed Rule 0-1(a)(7) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 to enhance the independence and effectiveness of investment company directors, and in connection therewith, to publish economic analyses of mutual fund governance and independence issues by the Office of Economic Analysis.

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 6, 2006.

#### Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–54870; File No. SR–OPRA– 2006–02]

Options Price Reporting Authority; Notice of Filing of Proposed Amendment to the Plan for Reporting of Consolidated Options Last Sale Reports and Quotation Information To Provide That Classes of Foreign Currency Options Newly Introduced for Trading by Any of the Parties to the Plan Be Treated Under the Provision "Special Temporary Provision for Newly Traded FCO Securities" During a Temporary Period Ending on December 31, 2007

December 5, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 608 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2006, the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission

("Commission") an amendment to the Plan for Reporting of Consolidated **Options Last Sale Reports and** Quotation Information ("OPRA Plan").3 The proposed OPRA Plan amendment would provide that classes of Foreign Currency Options ("FCO Securities" or "FCOs"), newly introduced for trading in the securities markets maintained by any of the parties to the OPRA Plan, will be treated by OPRA under the provision "Special Temporary Provision for Newly Traded FCO Securities" during a temporary period ending on December 31, 2007. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed OPRA Plan amendment.

# I. Description and Purpose of the Amendment

Under the terms of the OPRA Plan, subject to the exception described in Section VIII(c)(iii), FCOs traded on any of the exchanges that are parties to the Plan are ordinarily assigned to a separate "FCO service" rather than OPRA's "basic service" to which equity and index options are assigned. As a result, subject to the exception described below, separate fees and charges are imposed for access to the FCO service, and all revenues and expenses pertaining to the FCO service are allocated to a separate "FCO Accounting Center" established under Section VIII(c) of the OPRA Plan.

To date, FCOs have been traded only on the Phlx. In late 2005, at the request of the Phlx and with the Commission's approval, OPRA amended Section VIII(c) of the ORPA Plan by adding a new subparagraph (iii) thereto, which provides that during a temporary period ending on December 31, 2007, new classes of FCO Securities introduced for trading on Phlx (such classes are defined as "New FCO Securities") will be included in OPRA's basic service and not in its FCO service.<sup>4</sup> The effect of the amendment is to treat New FCO

The OPRA Plan provides for the collection and dissemination of last sale and quotation information on options that are traded on the participant exchanges. The six participants to the OPRA Plan are the American Stock Exchange LLC, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc., the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., the International Securities Exchange, Inc. ("ISE"), the NYSE Arca, Inc., and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx").

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52901 (December 6, 2005), 70 FR 74061 (December 14, 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k–1.

<sup>2 17</sup> CFR 242.608.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The OPRA Plan is a national market system plan approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Act and Rule 608 thereunder (formerly Rule 11Aa3–2). *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 17638 (March 18, 1981), 22 S.E.C. Docket 484 (March 31, 1981). The full text of the OPRA Plan is available at *http:// www.opradata.com*.

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Securities as if they were equity options and not FCO Securities, with the result that during the period when subparagraph (c)(iii) of Section VIII is in effect, access to market information pertaining to New FCO Securities is not subject to the separate fees and charges that apply to OPRA's FCO service, and revenues and expenses pertaining to market information pertaining to New FCO Securities are not allocated to OPRA's FCO accounting center, but instead are allocated to its basic accounting center.

The ISE recently advised OPRA that it intends to commence trading in certain classes of FCOs, and it represented that none of the FCOs it intends to trade will be fungible with classes of FCOs traded on the Phlx. Since by its terms Section VIII(c)(iii) of the OPRA Plan currently applies only to new classes of FCOs that are listed on the Phlx, in response to the ISE's request, OPRA now proposes to amend that Section to make it apply to all classes of FCOs newly listed by any exchange that is a party to the OPRA Plan while that Section remains in effect. This will assure that all classes of newly listed FCOs will be treated the same by being included in OPRA's basic service, rather than in its FCO service regardless of the exchange on which those classes are traded.

The text of the proposed amendment to the OPRA Plan is set forth below. Text additions are in *italics*; deletions are bracketed.

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# VIII. Financial Matters

(a)–(b) No Change.

(c) FCO Accounting Center Costs and Revenues

(i)-(ii) No Change.

(iii) Special Temporary Provision for Newly Traded FCO Securities.

This paragraph (c)(iii) applies only to FCO Securities that are introduced for trading *in the securities markets maintained by any of the parties to the Plan* [on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange ("PHLX")] during the period while this paragraph is in effect. FCO Securities introduced for trading by *any of the parties* [PHLX] during this period are referred to as "New FCO Securities."

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, effective during a temporary period ending on December 31, 2007, or on such earlier date as may be established by the party or parties trading New FCO Securities, written notice of which shall be given to the other parties ("period of effectiveness"), access to information and facilities pertaining to New FCO Securities shall not be subject to the separate fees and charges that would otherwise apply to such access pertaining to FCO Securities, but instead shall be subject to those fees and charges that apply to Eligible Securities other than FCO Options and Index Options. During the period of effectiveness, revenues derived from New FCO Securities shall be allocated to OPRA's basic accounting center and shall be further allocated among the parties as described in section VIII(a)(iv), and trades in New FCO Securities shall be treated as trades in Eligible Securities other than FCO Options and Index Options and not as trades in FCO Securities. At the close of business on the last day of the period of effectiveness, this section VIII(c)(iii) shall automatically terminate and cease to be of any further effect.

## II. Implementation of the OPRA Plan Amendment

The proposed amendment will be effective upon its approval by the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Act <sup>5</sup> and Rule 608 thereunder.<sup>6</sup>

#### **III. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed OPRA Plan amendment is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File No. SR–OPRA–2006–02 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–OPRA–2006–02. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission 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/sro.shtml*). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed plan

amendment that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed plan amendment between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OPRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that vou wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OPRA-2006-02 and should be submitted on or before January 2, 2007

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority. $^{7}$ 

### Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–54866; File No. SR–Amex– 2006–111]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Odd-Lot Rejections by Away Markets in the AEMI-One Pilot

December 4, 2006.

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> notice is hereby given that on November 29, 2006, 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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. Amex has filed this proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(5) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k–1.

<sup>6 17</sup> CFR 242.608.

<sup>7 17</sup> CFR 200.30–3(a)(29).

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

<sup>3 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>417</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).