

performance confirmation, and on transportation activities.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-103, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Tuesday, September 16, and for a half day on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will meet in Amargosa Valley, Nevada. Among other topics, the Board will discuss U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) work related to the natural features of a possible repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The DOE is preparing a license application to be submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for construction of such a repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The meeting is open to the public, and several opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board meeting will be held at the Longstreet Inn; HCR 70, Box 559; Amargosa Valley, Nevada. The telephone number is (775) 372-1777; the fax number is (775) 372-1280. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. on both days.

On Tuesday, the meeting will begin with a program update and project overview. These will be followed by a status report on progress in estimating the performance of the engineered components of the proposed repository and on efforts to reconcile various chlorine-36 studies. The agenda then will turn to several presentations relating to flow and transport in the unsaturated and saturated zones.

On Wednesday, a representative of the Nye County Board of Commissioners has been invited to present opening remarks. These will be followed by a status report on the DOE's performance confirmation plans and by updates on igneous issues and on DOE activities related to the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The meeting will end around noon on Wednesday.

Opportunities for public comment will be provided before the lunch break and at the end of the session on Tuesday and at the end of the half-day session on Wednesday. In addition, interested members of the public are invited to join Board members for coffee from 7:15 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, at the Longstreet Inn. Those wanting to speak during the

public comment periods are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. If interested parties do not want to speak during the public comment session, they may submit questions in writing to the Board. If time permits, the questions will be addressed during the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Beginning on October 18, 2003, transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Longstreet Inn. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact Karyn Severson; Director, External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: August 11, 2003.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

Governors Vote To Close August 7, 2003, Meeting

By telephone vote on August 7, 2003, a majority of the Governors contacted and voting, the Governors voted to close to public observation a meeting held via teleconference. The Governors determined that prior public notice was not possible.

ITEM CONSIDERED: 1. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the

Secretary of the Board, William T. Johnstone, at (202) 268-4800.

William T. Johnstone,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Regulation C, OMB Control No. 3235-0074, SEC File No. 270-068. Form SB-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0423, SEC File No. 270-374.

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 request for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Regulation C provides standard instructions to guide persons when filing registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933. The information collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in the registration of securities. The information provided is mandatory. Regulation C is assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience because the regulation simply prescribes the disclosure that must appear in other filings under the federal securities laws. Also, persons who respond to the collection information contained in Regulation C are not required to respond unless the forms display a currently valid control number.

Small Business issuers use Form SB-1, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") to register up to \$10 million of securities to be sold for cash, if they have not registered more than \$10 million in securities offerings in any continuous 12-month period, including the transaction being registered. The information to be collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in the registration of securities and assures public availability. The information provided is mandatory. All information provided to the Commission is available to the

public for review. Approximately 17 respondents filed Form SB-1 during the last fiscal year at an estimated 177 hours per response for a total annual burden of 12,036 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the total burden (3,009 hours) is prepared by the company. Also, persons who respond to the collection information contained in Form SB-1 are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid control number.

Written 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; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, 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.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-48293; File No. SR-CBOE-2002-55]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Relating to Permanent Approval of the Rapid Opening System

August 6, 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 September 16, 2002, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE" 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 CBOE. On February 6, 2003, CBOE submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ 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

CBOE proposes to adopt ROS on a permanent basis.⁴ The text of the proposed rule change appears below. Deleted text is in brackets.

Rule 6.2A

(a)-(c) No change.

[(d) Pilot Program.

This Rule (and the sentences in Rule 6.2 and Rule 6.45 referring to this Rule) will be in effect until September 30, 2002 on a pilot basis.]

* * * Interpretation and Policies:

.01-.02 Unchanged.

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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, CBOE 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. CBOE 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

On February 9, 1999, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, the implementation of ROS.⁵ ROS is a

CBOE described its plans to incorporate the AutoQuotes sent into its Rapid Open System ("ROS") by market makers into its illegal quote width surveillance program; explained how the implementation of Phase V of the Consolidated Options Audit Trail plan would facilitate the Exchange's efforts at monitoring activities on ROS; provided greater detail regarding the observations of ROS openings conducted by Exchange staff during the pilot period; and made minor changes to its discussion section.

⁴ CBOE also proposed to extend the ROS pilot program. However, on September 25, 2002, CBOE submitted another proposal to extend the ROS pilot program, which replaced and superseded the portion of SR-CBOE-2002-55 that proposed to extend the ROS pilot program. This proposal was effective upon filing. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46572 (September 30, 2002), 67 FR 62508 (October 7, 2002).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41033 (February 9, 1999), 64 FR 8156 (February 18, 1999) ("Pilot Program Approval Order"). ROS is governed by CBOE Rule 6.2A.

system developed by the Exchange to open an entire options class, all series, as a single event, based on a single underlying value. The ROS pilot program is due to expire on September 30, 2003.⁶ The Exchange proposes to make the ROS pilot program permanent.

CBOE represents that ROS has successfully facilitated expedited openings of options classes on the Exchange, thereby improving market efficiency for all market participants. CBOE represents that ROS has provided the Exchange's market-makers with the ability to open option classes within seconds of the opening of the underlying security. CBOE represents that by entering into open trading more quickly using ROS, customer orders have been addressed in open trading in a more timely manner. CBOE represents that ROS has also prevented large numbers of orders from queuing on the Exchange's book and live ammo screens immediately after the opening, thus, providing the order book official and designated primary market maker staff with the ability to handle the orders in a more expeditious manner.

In the Pilot Program Approval Order, the Commission requested that the Exchange study certain issues during the pilot program and produce a report to the Commission addressing those issues prior to seeking permanent approval of ROS. CBOE represents that the issues raised by the Commission were the following: (1) How and when market-makers set ROS risk and size thresholds, (2) how often such thresholds are exceeded and result in the adjustment of AutoQuote,⁷ (3) the effect of AutoQuote adjustments on the quality of customer executions, (4) any effects on existing order execution priority, and (5) the handling of and adjustments made for non-bookable orders. CBOE represents that prior to the submission of this proposed rule change, the Exchange submitted a report

⁶ The Commission has extended the ROS pilot program five times. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 42596 (March 30, 2000), 65 FR 18397 (April 7, 2000) (extending the pilot program until September 30, 2000); 43395 (September 29, 2000), 65 FR 60706 (October 12, 2000) (extending the pilot program until September 30, 2001), 44891 (October 1, 2001), 66 FR 51483 (October 9, 2001) (extending the pilot program until September 30, 2002); 46572 (September 30, 2002), 67 FR 62508 (October 7, 2002) (extending the pilot program until March 31, 2003; and 47573 (March 26, 2003), 68 FR 15780 (April 1, 2003) (extending the pilot program until September 30, 2003).

⁷ Under Interpretation .02 to CBOE Rule 6.2A, the term "AutoQuote" means either the Exchange's AutoQuote system or a proprietary autoquote system operated by a member of the trading crowd where the particular ROS class is traded.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Jaime Galvan, Attorney II, Legal Division, CBOE, to Terri Evans, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, dated January 17, 2003 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No. 1,