

submissions. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19h-1 is 8 hours per submission. The average cost per hour is approximately \$101, for completion of each submission. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all respondents is \$20,200. (25 responses × 8 hours per response × \$101 per hour).

A respondent is not required to retain the Rule 19h-1 submission for any specified period of time. The filing of notices is mandatory but does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that 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.

General 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 or send an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, 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.

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Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy 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:

Rule 19d-1; SEC File No. 270-242; OMB Control No. 3235-0206.

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 ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 19d-1 ("Rule") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") prescribes the form and content of notices to be filed with the Commission by self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") for which the Commission is the appropriate regulatory agency concerning the following final SRO actions: (1) Disciplinary sanctions (including summary suspensions); (2) denials of membership, participation or association with a member; and (3) prohibitions or limitations on access to SRO services.

The Rule enables the Commission to obtain reports from the SROs containing information regarding SRO determinations to discipline members or associated persons of members, deny membership or participation or association with a member, and similar adjudicated findings. The Rule requires that such actions be promptly reported to the Commission. The Rule also requires that the reports and notices supply sufficient information regarding the background, factual basis and issues involved in the proceeding to enable the Commission (1) to determine whether the matter should be called up for review on the Commission's own motion and (2) to ascertain generally whether the SRO has adequately carried out its responsibilities under the Exchange Act.

It is estimated that 10 respondents will utilize this application procedure annually, with a total burden of 1175 hours, based upon past submissions. This figure is based on 10 respondents, spending approximately 117.5 hours each. Each respondent submitted approximately 235 responses. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19d-1 for each submission is 0.5 hours. The average cost per hour, per each submission is approximately \$101. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all the respondents is \$118,675. (10 respondents × 235 responses per respondent × .5 hrs per response × \$101 per hour).

The filing of notices pursuant to the Rule is mandatory for the SROs, but does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that 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. Rule 19d-1 does not have a retention of records requirement.

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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:

Rule 23c-3; SEC File No. 270-373; OMB Control No. 3235-0422; Form N-23c-3; SEC File No. 270-373; OMB Control No. 3235-0422.

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 (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval of the collections of information discussed below.

Rule 23c-3 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.23c-3) is entitled: "Repurchase of Securities of Closed-End Companies." The rule permits certain closed-end investment companies ("closed-end funds" or "funds") periodically to offer to repurchase from shareholders a limited number of shares at net asset value. The rule includes several reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The fund must send shareholders a notification that contains specified information each time the fund makes a repurchase offer (on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis, or for certain funds, on a discretionary basis not more often than every two years). The fund also must file copies of the shareholder notification with the Commission (electronically through the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR")) attached to Form

N-23c-3 (17 CFR 274.221), a cover sheet that provides limited information about the fund and the type of offer the fund is making.¹ The fund must describe in its annual report to shareholders the fund's policy concerning repurchase offers and the results of any repurchase offers made during the reporting period. The fund's board of directors must adopt written procedures designed to ensure that the fund's investment portfolio is sufficiently liquid to meet its repurchase obligations and other obligations under the rule. The board periodically must review the composition of the fund's portfolio and change the liquidity procedures as necessary. The fund also must file copies of advertisements and other sales literature with the Commission as if it were an open-end investment company subject to section 24 of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-24) and the rules that implement section 24.²

The requirement that the fund send a notification to shareholders of each offer is intended to ensure that a fund provides material information to shareholders about the terms of each offer, which may differ from previous offers on such matters as the maximum amount of shares to be repurchased (the maximum repurchase amount may range from 5% to 25% of outstanding shares). The requirement that copies be sent to the Commission is intended to enable the Commission to monitor the fund's compliance with the notification requirement. The requirement that the shareholder notification be attached to Form N-23c-3 is intended to ensure that the fund provides basic information necessary for the Commission to process the notification and to monitor the fund's use of repurchase offers. The requirement that the fund describe its current policy on repurchase offers and the results of recent offers in the annual shareholder report is intended to provide shareholders current information about the fund's repurchase policies and its recent experience. The requirement that the board approve and review written procedures designed to maintain portfolio liquidity is intended to ensure that the fund has enough cash or liquid securities to meet its

¹ Form N-23c-3 requires the fund to state its registration number, its full name and address, the date of the accompanying shareholder notification, and the type of offer being made (periodic, discretionary, or both).

² Rule 24b-3 under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.24b-3), however, would generally exempt the fund from that requirement when the materials are filed instead with the National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD"), as nearly always occurs under NASD procedures, which apply to the underwriter of every fund.

repurchase obligations, and that written procedures are available for review by shareholders and examination by the Commission. The requirement that the fund file advertisements and sales literature as if it were an open-end investment company is intended to facilitate the review of these materials by the Commission or the NASD to prevent incomplete, inaccurate, or misleading disclosure about the special characteristics of a closed-end fund that makes periodic repurchase offers.

Compliance with the collection of information requirements of the rule and form is mandatory only for those funds that rely on the rule in order to repurchase shares of the fund. 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.

General 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, or e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, 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.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Regarding Non-Standard Settlement Trades

June 2, 2004.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on May 24, 2004, the National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") filed with the Securities and Exchange

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by NASD. NASD filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)³ thereunder, whereby the proposal is effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 proposed rule change allows members to submit to the Nasdaq Market Center trade reporting service trades that settle on other than the standard T+3 basis for comparison and transmission to the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"). Non-standard settlement trades include cash, next day, and sellers-option transactions.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, NASD 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. NASD has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.⁴

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq proposes to amend the NASD rules that govern the use of the Nasdaq Market Center trade reporting service to allow members to submit non-standard settlement trades for comparison in the service and to allow Nasdaq to transmit such trades to NSCC. The Commission recently approved a proposal by NSCC to accept non-standard settlement input of over-the-counter trades from, among others, self-regulatory organizations submitting such information on behalf of their members.⁵ The current Nasdaq Market Center trade reporting service rules state that non-standard settlement

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁴ The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49685 (May 11, 2004), 69 FR 27964 (May 17, 2004) [File No. SR-NSCC-2004-02].