

complete aquifer restoration, decommissioning, and reclamation activities.

Then, the Draft GEIS describes the affected environment in each uranium milling region, using the environmental resource areas and topics identified through public scoping comments on the GEIS and from NRC guidance to its staff found in NUREG-1748, "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated With NMSS Programs," issued by the NRC in 2003.

Finally, the Draft GEIS provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of constructing, operating, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning at an ISL facility in each of the four uranium milling regions. In essence, this involves placing an ISL facility with the characteristics described previously within each of the four regional areas and describing and evaluating the potential impacts in each region separately. Impacts are examined for the following resource areas:

- Land use.
- Transportation.
- Geology and soils.
- Water resources.
- Ecology.
- Air quality.
- Noise.
- Historical and cultural resource.
- Visual and scenic resources.
- Socioeconomic.
- Public and occupational health.

Following the discussion of potential environmental impacts, the Draft GEIS addresses cumulative impacts; environmental justice; practices, measures, and actions to mitigate potential impacts; environmental monitoring activities; and the consultation process with federal and tribal entities.

As stated previously, the NRC is accepting comments on the Draft GEIS. Following the end of the public comment period, the NRC staff will publish a Final GEIS that addresses, as appropriate, the public comments on the Draft GEIS. The NRC expects to publish the Final GEIS by June 2009.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July, 2008.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Form S-4; OMB Control No. 3235-0324; SEC File No. 270-287.

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 a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form S-4 (17 CFR 239.25) is the registration form used to register securities issued in business combination transactions under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). The information collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in connection with business combination transactions. Form S-4 is a public document and all information provided is mandatory. Form S-4 takes approximately 4,064 hours per response to prepare and is filed by 619 registrants annually. We estimate that 25% of the 4,064 hours per response (1,016 hours) is prepared by the registrant for an annual reporting burden of 628,904 hours (1,016 hours per response × 619 responses).

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.

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 or send an e-mail to

Alexander.T.Hunt@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 22, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-58205; File No. 4-443]

Joint Industry Plan; Order Granting Permanent Approval to Amendment No. 1 to the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed To Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options

July 22, 2008.

I. Introduction

On May 15, 2008, May 15, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 6, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 7, 2008, May 13, 2008, and May 8, 2008, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"), the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE"), Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE"), the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE"), The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"), NYSE Arca Inc. ("NYSE Arca"), the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx"), and the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") respectively, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act¹ of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 608 thereunder,² Amendment No. 1 to the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed to Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options ("the Options Listing Procedures Plan" or "OLPP").³ Amendment No. 1 would provide a uniform time frame for the introduction of new Long-term Equity Anticipation ("LEAP" or "LEAPS") series on equity option classes, options on Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs"), or options on Trust Issued Receipts ("TIRs").

On May 22, 2008, the Commission issued notice of and approved Amendment No. 1 on a temporary basis

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

² 17 CFR 242.608.

³ On July 6, 2001, the Commission approved the OLPP, which was originally proposed by the Amex, CBOE, ISE, OCC, Phlx, and Pacific Exchange, Inc. (k/n/a NYSE Arca). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44521, 66 FR 36809 (July 13, 2001). On February 5, 2004, BSE was added as a sponsor to the OLPP. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49199, 69 FR 7030 (February 12, 2004). On March 21, 2008, Nasdaq was added as a sponsor to the OLPP. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57546 (March 21, 2008), 73 FR 16393 (March 27, 2008).

not to exceed 120 days, and solicited comment on the proposal.⁴ The Commission received no comment letters in response to the Temporary Approval Order. This order approves Amendment No. 1 on a permanent basis.

II. Description of the Proposal

Currently, new January LEAPS are introduced shortly after the groups of LEAPS with the least time to expiration are converted to a conventional expiration symbol, generally when they have less than nine months to expiration. The proposal provides for a uniform time frame for the introduction of new LEAP series on equity option classes, options on ETFs, or options on TIRs.

By agreeing to a uniform time frame for the introduction of new LEAP series, the Participants to the OLPP intend to mitigate the number of option series available for trading during certain times of the year. The Participants to the OLPP intend that this will in turn lessen the rate of increase in quote traffic, because quotes will not be generated in the not-yet-available series.

The Participants to the OLPP represent that, for example, in 2007, if this proposal had been in effect, the industry would have eliminated one and a half billion (1,500,000,000) quotes over the three months of June, July, and August, out of just less than 100 billion quotes over all, for a savings of 1.5%. The affected series, however, generated less than three million (3,000,000) contracts traded in the same period, out of more than seven hundred eighty million (780,000,000) contracts total industry volume, or approximately .38%. The exchanges agree that the benefit from reduced quoting levels greatly exceeds the small cost in missed business.

In addition, the Participants to the OLPP may coordinate the date of introduction of new LEAP classes, so as to provide the least disruption on the options industry by having the flexibility to avoid holidays, expiration periods, and industry-wide tests which are scheduled from time to time.

III. Discussion

After careful review, the Commission finds that Amendment No. 1 is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.⁵ Specifically, the

Commission finds that Amendment No. 1 to the OLPP is consistent with Section 11A of the Act⁶ and Rule 608 thereunder⁷ in that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets. Specifically, the Commission believes that by adopting a uniform time frame for the introduction of new LEAP series on equity option classes, options on ETFs, and options on TIRs, the options exchanges should reduce the number of option series available for trading during certain times of the year, and thus may reduce increases in the options quote rate because market participants would not be submitting quotes in the not-yet-available LEAP series. Accordingly, the Commission believes that it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect mechanisms of, a national market system to approve Amendment No. 1 to the OLPP on a permanent basis.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 11A of the Act,⁸ and Rule 608 thereunder,⁹ that proposed Amendment No. 1 to the OLPP be, and it hereby is, approved on a permanent basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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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, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an Open Meeting on July 30, 2008 at 10 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to publish an interpretive release to provide guidance regarding

impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

⁷ 17 CFR 242.608.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

⁹ 17 CFR 242.608.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(29).

the use of company Web sites under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws.

2. The Commission will consider whether to publish for comment a proposed rule change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board to establish the continuing disclosure service of the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. The Commission will also consider whether to propose amendments to Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to enhance the disclosure of information regarding municipal securities.

3. The Commission will consider whether to issue proposed guidance to investment company boards of directors to assist them in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities with respect to an investment adviser's trading of fund portfolio securities, including the use of fund brokerage commissions to purchase brokerage and research services.

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: July 23, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-58199; File No. SR-Amex-2008-44]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change Modifying the Provisions Governing Contacts Between Specialists and Issuers

July 21, 2008.

I. Introduction

On May 20, 2008, 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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposal to amend

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57848 (May 22, 2008), 73 FR 30985 (May 29, 2008) ("Temporary Approval Order").

⁵ In approving this proposed OPRA Plan Amendment, the Commission has considered its