NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on May 30, 2006, Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:
Tuesday, May 30, 2006, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.


Michael R. Snodderly,
Acting Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC’s Web site http://www.pbgc.gov.

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in May 2006. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in June 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Kilon, Attorney, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024, TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and §4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC’s regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the “required interest rate”) in determining a single-employer plan’s variable-rate premium. The required interest rate is the “applicable percentage” (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the “premium payment year”). The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in May 2006 is 4.30 percent (i.e., 85 percent of the 5.06 percent Treasury Securities Rate for April 2006).

The Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 (“PFEA”)—under which the
required interest rate is 85 percent of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid—applies only for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005. Congress is considering legislation that would extend the PFEA rate for one more year. If legislation that changes the rules for determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in May 2006 is adopted, the PBGC will promptly publish a Federal Register notice with the new rate.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between June 2005 and May 2006.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement: [71 FR 27014, May 9, 2006].

STATUS: Closed meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 1 p.m.

Change in the Meeting: Additional items.

The following items will also be considered during the 1 p.m. Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2006: Litigation matters; regulatory matters involving financial institutions; other matters related to enforcement proceedings; and an adjudicatory matter.

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

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.


J. Lynn Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Dual Listing

May 9, 2006.

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 5, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change to amend (i) Sections 140 and 141 of the Amex Company Guide and the Amex Fee Schedule to reduce the listing fees for companies listed on another securities market that dual list on the Amex, and (ii) Amex Rule 118 to include in the scope of the Rule securities listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market (formerly referred to as the Nasdaq SmallCap Market) and to accommodate the dual listing of securities listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market and the Nasdaq National Market. Additionally, the Amex proposed minor, technical changes to Amex Rules 7, 24, 109, 115, 126, 128A, 131, 135A, 156, 170, 190 and 205, and Sections 142 and 950 of the Company Guide to reflect the proposed changes to Amex Rule 118. On March 21, 2006, Amex filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was published for notice and comment in the Federal Register on April 4, 2006.3 The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a self-regulatory organization.4 Specifically, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act.5 In that it is designed to provide an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using the Amex’s facilities, and to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission also believes the proposed rule change is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers, or to regulate by virtue of any authority conferred by the Act matters not related to the purpose of the Act or the administration of the Amex. The Commission believes that competition among listing markets has the potential

4 In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(f).