

have not yet converted to TCP/IP CTCI linkages, and will notify the Commission via letter if there is any change in these dates.

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

In its filing with the Commission Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined in the places specified in Items IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth below in Sections A, B, and C, 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

Nasdaq's CTCI network is a point-to-point dedicated circuit connection from the premises of brokerages and service providers to Nasdaq's Trumbull Connecticut processing facilities. Through CTCI, firms are able to enter trade reports to Nasdaq's Automated Confirmation Transaction Service ("ACT") and orders to Nasdaq's Small Order Execution ("SOES") and SuperSOES systems. CTCI also processes SelectNet transaction confirmation reports.

In response to numerous requests from market participants that Nasdaq upgrade the speed and reliability of its CTCI data transmission environment, Nasdaq began the process last year of "sunsetting" its CTCI x.25/bisynch network in favor of a new network that provides greater capacity and a more efficient transmission protocol. The CTCI x.25/bisynch network can only transmit data up to 19.2 kilobits per second ("kb"). The new CTCI network operates over the Enterprise Wide Network II ("EWIN II") and provides connectivity over more powerful 56kb and T1 data lines. In addition, the new CTCI network uses the industry-standard TCP/IP transmission protocol, a protocol that is robust, efficient, and well known among the technical community. In order to take advantage of the new CTCI network, users are required to upgrade their current x.25/19.2kb lines to either 56kb or T1 lines.

Although the conversion process has been underway since January of this year, as of late November, 295 x.25 CTCI circuits held by 60 firms remained active. Nasdaq is urging NASD members

that still rely upon these outmoded connections to complete their conversions as soon as possible. Nasdaq believes that charging a higher price to NASD members that have failed to convert will provide them with a financial incentive to complete their conversions in a timely fashion and thereby assist Nasdaq in achieving its goal of terminating this almost obsolete network. Moreover, Nasdaq believes that as more and more users convert to TCP/IP, Nasdaq's per circuit cost of continuing to offer the x.25 CTCI connections increases. Since the x.25 CTCI network is provisioned to support over 600 circuits, Nasdaq believes that it is appropriate to pass through the expense of that network to those firms that have failed to transition. Nasdaq believes that the fee increase, together with continued transition support from Nasdaq staff, will allow Nasdaq to "sunset" the x.25 CTCI network on March 31, 2002 (or sooner if all x.25 CTCI subscribers have transitioned prior to that date).

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act, including Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ which requires that the rules of the NASD provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the NASD operates or controls.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Nasdaq has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule is one establishing or changing a due, fee or other charge change and thus has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f) of Securities Exchange Act Rule 19b-4.¹⁰ At any time

within 60 days of the filing of a rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Commission may summarily abrogate the rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submission should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change 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 will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD 2001-87 and should be submitted by February 12, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3383]

State of Mississippi; Amendment #2

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated January 10, 2002, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Coahoma and Tallahatchie Counties in the State of Mississippi as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding and to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on November 24, 2001 and continuing through December 17, 2001.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 768s(b)(3).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

All counties contiguous to the above-named primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is September 9, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator, for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3880]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "European Masterpieces: Six Centuries of Paintings from the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia"

AGENCY: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: On October 3, 2000, Notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 65, Number 192) by the Department of State concerning the exhibition "European Masterpieces: Six Centuries of Paintings from the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia." The referenced Notice is corrected as follows. I hereby determine that an additional work scheduled to be imported from abroad on or about January 21, 2002 is of cultural significance and that its temporary exhibit in the U.S. is in the national interest. In the summary after "January 6, 2002," add the following additional venue: "and at the Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL from on or about February 10, 2002, to on or about April 14, 2002, is in the national interest." In addition, an object from the National Gallery of Victoria, previously on display in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and included in a Notice by the Department of State published July 30, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 146), will be added to the exhibit in Birmingham.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2002-11275]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC advises the Coast Guard on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before February 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-6164; by faxing 202-267-4700; or by e-mail jshort@comdt.uscg.mil. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC at (202) 267-0415, fax (202) 267-4700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It advises the Secretary of Transportation, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant in June 2002. To be eligible, you should have experience in the above mentioned subject areas. To assure balanced representation of subject matter expertise, members are chosen, insofar as practical, from the following groups: (1) Recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and State officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Dated: January 7, 2002.

Jeffrey P. High,

Acting, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and, Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-11242]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comments on Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) triennial exercise schedule for 2002, 2003, and 2004.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS), in concert with the states, the oil industry, and concerned citizens, developed the Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP). This notice announces the PREP triennial cycle, 2002-2004, requests comments from the public, and requests industry participants to volunteer for scheduled PREP Area exercises.