

information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Pay Rate Report; OMB 3220-0097

Under Section 2(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the daily benefit rate for unemployment and sickness benefits depends on the claimant's last daily rate of pay in the base year. The procedures pertaining to the use of a claimant's daily pay rate in determining the daily benefit rate are prescribed in 20 CFR 330.

The RRB utilizes Form UI-1e, Request for Pay Rate Information, to obtain information from a claimant about their last railroad employer and pay rate, when it is not available from other RRB records. Form UI-1e also explains the possibility of receiving a higher daily benefit rate if a claimant reports their daily rate of pay for railroad work in the base year. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form UI-1e. The completion time for Form UI-1e is estimated at 5 minutes per response.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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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, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of April 16, 2001.

A closed meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matters of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2001 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

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) 942-7070.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Its Annual Electronic Access Fee.

April 6, 2001.

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 March 9, 2001, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" 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 Exchange. 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 Amex proposes to (i) amend Article VII of the Exchange Constitution by deleting the requirement that the annual electronic access fee be fixed by the Board of Governors ("Board") based on a given formula; and (ii) set the year 2001 electronic access fee at \$61,363.00. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Text in brackets indicates material to be deleted, and text in *italics* indicates material to be added.

American Stock Exchange Constitution

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Article VII

Sec. 1(a)-(d) No change.

(e) Associate members—The initiation fee for associate membership shall be a sum equal to 5% of the latest price at which a regular membership shall have been sold and transferred to an applicant for regular membership, otherwise than for a nominal consideration or through a private sale prior to the date when such initiation fee is due, provided, however, that the initiation fee for an associate member who is approved as the nominee of an associate member firm or corporation pursuant to Article IV, section 1(d) shall be \$100. The annual membership fee for associate membership shall be \$4,000 per month for associate member firms and \$3,000 per year for individual associate members and off-floor traders. Associate members shall be permitted to waive these fees by demonstrating to the Exchange's Financial Regulatory Services Department that ten percent (10%) of the associate member's and/or individual off-floor trader's volume is transacted on the Floor of the Exchange. [The annual membership fee for associate membership access to the Exchange electronic systems as provided in Article IV, section 1(d) shall be fixed by the Board once a year, and shall be a sum equal to 10% of the average price at which regular memberships shall have been sold and transferred to applicants for regular membership, otherwise than for nominal consideration or through private sale, during the preceding twelve months.] Effective August 7, 2000, all new associate members shall be required to pay the annual electronic access fee, *as provided in Article IV, section 1(d)*, as well as the monthly and/or annual fees. Such initiation, monthly and/or annual and electronic access fee shall be paid prior to the approval by the Exchange of an applicant for associate membership, and prior to renewal of such membership at the end of the period for which such fees have been paid.

(f) No change.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.