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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Attn: John E. Flannery, Room 6321, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Tel. (202) 606-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the Office's request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document the Office is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title: Personal Reference Inquiry for Administrative Law Judge Positions.
OMB Number: 3206-0043.

Form Number: OPM Form 192.

Abstract: OPM Form 192 is designed to collect information about an applicant's qualifications in as simple a manner as possible. It asks reference givers to circle statements indicating which of the behavioral statements describing the behavior of an attorney or a judge are most representative of the applicant. This format takes less time to complete and is less burdensome to the reference giver than the more traditional open-ended personal reference inquiry which asks for written statements assessing applicants' job qualifications. The circled marks on the returned form are easily scored.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Personal Reference Inquiry forms are not sent to small businesses or entities as such. However, the person from whom information is sought may be an employee or member of a small business or law firm. As explained in the above Abstract, the form is designed in a brief, six-question

format which can be answered by including responses. Thus, the information collection burden on respondents is minimal.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 3,000 reference givers respond each year.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Legal Citations: Under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1946 in pertinent part, now 5 U.S.C. 553-559 and 3105, and 5 U.S.C. 1104 and 3304, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required to identify through competitive examination qualified applicants for appointment to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) positions. Further, under 5 U.S.C. 1305, OPM is specifically authorized to collect such information and reports as it needs to carry out its responsibility for examining applicants for ALJ positions.

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Listing Standards for Options on Equity Securities Issued in a Reorganization Transaction Pursuant to a Public Offering or a Rights Distribution

December 4, 1995.

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 November 29, 1995, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("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 Amex. The Commission is published this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to amend its listing standards in respect of options on equity securities issued in a spin-off, reorganization, recapitalization, restructuring or similar transaction where the issuance is made pursuant to a public offering or a rights distribution.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex, and at the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex 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. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, 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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the special listing standards set forth in Amex Rule 915, Commentary .05 that apply to options on equity securities issued in certain spin-offs, reorganizations, recapitalizations, restructurings or similar transactions (referred to herein as "restructuring transactions") so as to also include securities issued pursuant to a public offering or a rights distribution that is part of a restructuring transaction.

The proposed amendment to Rule 915, Commentary .05 is intended to facilitate the listing of options on equity securities issued in restructuring transactions (referred to as "Restructure Securities") by permitting the Exchange to base its determination as to the satisfaction of certain of the listing standards set forth in Exchange Rule 915 and Commentary .01 thereunder by reference to (1) specified characteristics of the "Original Security" in respect of which the Restructure Security was issued or distributed; (2) the trading market of the Original Security; (3) the number of shares of the Restructure Security issued and outstanding; or (4) to the listing standards of the exchange on which the Restructure Security is