

required for entry into the protected area. Authorized individuals insert their access authorization card into the card reader and the biometrics system records an image of the hand geometry. The unique features of the newly recorded image are then compared to the template previously stored in the database. Access is ultimately granted based on the degree to which the characteristics of the image match those of the "signature" template.

Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected area, the proposed system would provide for a positive verification process. Potential loss of a badge by an individual, as a result of taking the badge offsite, would not enable an unauthorized entry into protected areas.

The access process will continue to be under the observation of security personnel. The system of identification badges coupled with their associated access control cards will continue to be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escorts. Badges will continue to be displayed by all individuals while inside the protected area. Addition of a hand geometry biometrics system will provide a significant contribution to effective implementation of the security plan at each site.

IV

For the foregoing reasons, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage meet "the same high assurance objective," and "the general performance requirements" of the regulation and that "the overall level of system performance provides protection against radiological sabotage equivalent" to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, an exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

Therefore, as long as the licensee uses the hand geometry access control system, the Commission hereby grants Entergy Operations, Inc. an exemption from those requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) relating to the returning of picture badges upon exit from the protected area such that individuals not employed by the licensee, i.e., contractors, who are authorized unescorted access into the protected area, can take their badges offsite.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the

granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of August 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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 Director, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV,
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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Radiation Oncology Center at Marlton (ROCM) Marlton, NJ (Byproduct Materials License No. 29-28685-01); Notice of Prehearing Conference

Notice is hereby given that a prehearing conference will be held in this enforcement proceeding, beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, and continuing (to the extent necessary) at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 12, 1995, at Two White Flint North, Commission Hearing Room, Room 3 B 45, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to define further the issues to be litigated during the proceeding, to establish discovery schedules, and to deal with other matters bearing upon the evidentiary hearing (such as the date, time and location of such hearing).

Members of the public are invited to attend the conference but will not be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

Rockville, Maryland, August 28, 1995.
 For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,
 Chairman, Administrative Judge.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc., Relating to the Listing of Options on the Inter@ctive Week Internet Index

August 29, 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 August 23, 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 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 Exchange proposes to list and trade options on the Amex Inter@ctive Week Internet Index ("Index"), a new stock index developed by the Amex and Inter@ctive Week based on stocks (or American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") thereon) of companies involved in the fields of digital interactive services, software and hardware. In addition, the Amex proposes to amend Rule 901C, Commentary. 01 to reflect that 90% of the Index's numerical index value will be accounted for by stocks that meet the current criteria and guidelines set forth in Rule 915. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the Exchange, and at the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange 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 Amex has developed a new industry-specific index called the Inter@ctive Week Internet Index, based entirely on shares of widely held companies involved in providing interactive services, developing and marketing digital interactive software and manufacturing digital interactive hardware.³ The industries represented

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ The component securities of the Index are 3Com; Acclaim Entertainment; Activision; Adobe Systems; America Online; Avid Technology; Bolt, Beranek & Newman; Broadband Technologies;