

- proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
  - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technical collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting the electronic submission of response.

**ADDRESSES:** Angelia Richardson, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 815, Washington DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5454 (this is not a toll free number), fax (202) 682-5533.

**Murray Welsh,**

*Director, Administrative Services.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Special Emphasis Panel in Cross-Disciplinary Activities; Notice of Meeting**

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities (1193).

*Date and Time:* March 1, March 2 and March 8, 1999, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 365 and 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Contact Person(s)* Steve Mahaney, Program Director, CISE/OCDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate CISE Research Infrastructure Proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under U.S.C. 522b (c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 10, 1999.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* March 1, 1999; 8:00 am–5:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael Mayhew, Program Director, Education and Human Resources Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1557.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Postdoctoral Fellowship Panel, as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Acting Director, Division of Human Resources Management.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panels in Materials Research (1203).

*Date and Time:* March 1, 1999; 8:00 am–5:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 1060, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Liselotte J. Schioler, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065.41, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 306-1836.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Ceramics Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data; such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 10, 1999.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

“Tell Us How We’re Doing!”

SEC File No. 270-406, OMB Control No. 3235-0463

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this previously approved questionnaire to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

The title of the questionnaire is “Tell Us How We’re Doing!”

The Commission currently sends the questionnaire to persons who have used the services of the Commission’s Office of Investor Education and Assistance. The questionnaire consists mainly of eight (8) questions concerning the quality of services provided by OIEA. Most of the questions can be answered by checking a box on the questionnaire.

The Commission needs the information to evaluate the quality of services provided by OIEA. Supervisory personnel of OIEA use the information collected in assessing staff performance and for determining what improvements or changes should be made in OIEA operations for services provided to investors.

The respondents to the questionnaire are some of those investors who request assistance or information from OIEA.

The total reporting burden of the questionnaire in 1998 was

approximately 89 hours. This was calculated by multiplying the total number of investors who responded to the questionnaire times how long it is estimated to take to complete the questionnaire (355 respondents × 15 minutes = 89 hours).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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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 held the following meeting during the week of February 8, 1999.

A closed meeting was held on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries attended the closed meeting. Certain staff members who had an interest in the matters were also 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)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., was:

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

Institution of injunctive actions.

Commissioner Hunt, 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) 942-7070.

Dated: February 11, 1999.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41027; File No. SR-Amex-99-05]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Changing the Name of the Internet Commerce Index to TheStreet.com E-commerce Index

February 8, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 4, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange 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 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 seeks to change the name of the Internet Commerce Index to TheStreet.com E-commerce Index (the "Index"). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex and at the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

On December 19, 1998, the Amex submitted to the Commission a proposal to trade narrow-based options on the Index. The proposal was submitted pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and became effective upon filing, provided that the Exchange commence trading in options not earlier than 30 days after the date of the filing.<sup>3</sup> The Amex now proposes to change the name of the Index from the Internet Commerce Index to TheStreet.com E-commerce Index.

Notwithstanding the change in the name of the Index, the Index will continue to be maintained in accordance with all of the terms set forth in Exchange Rule 901C, Commentary .02, as discussed in the original proposal. The Amex will continue to have sole discretion with respect to all final determinations concerning adjustments to the Index and its components including the replacement of any component, although the Amex may, from time to time, consult with TheStreet.com, Inc. in connection with the Exchange's maintenance of the Index. TheStreet.com, Inc., similar to other financial news vendors, is in the business of preparing and publishing editorial, evaluation and analysis reports, and news services related to the business of financial news and information which are available in the commercial marketplace through various facilities, such as TheStreet.com Web site on the portion of the Internet referred to as the World Wide Web located at the uniform resource locator ("URL") address designated at <http://www.thestreet.com>.

<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40955 (January 19, 1999), 64 FR 3727 (January 25, 1999).