

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* American Time Use Survey.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0175.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Type of Response:* Reporting.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,920.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 13,920.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,640.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The data collected in the American Time Use Survey (ATUS) helps researchers determine how the population in the United States uses its time participating in such activities as paid work, child care, housework, volunteering, socializing, and traveling. ATUS has received wide interest from a variety of users including economist, sociologist, journalist, reporters, and businesspersons. The ATUS information is also expected to be of interest to government policy makers, educators, and lawyers as the survey information has numerous applications. To ensure the widest distribution, BLS will release annual and quarterly data to the public in the form of data tables. Microdata sets containing greater detail than the published tables will also be available, as will special analysis by BLS and outside analysis in the *Monthly Labor*

*Review* (published by BLS) and other publications.

**Ira L. Mills,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

September 8, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-Mail: [mills.ira@dol.gov](mailto:mills.ira@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Application For Alien Employment Certification.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0015.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions: Farms; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 112,000.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 112,000.

Activity	Respondents	Hours per	Total hours
Permanent .....	100,000	2.8	280,000
H-2A .....	4,000	1	4,000
H-2B .....	8,000	1.4	11,200

*Total Burden Hours:* 295,200.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Form ETA 750, Part A, is utilized to collect information that permits the Department to meet federal responsibilities for administering two nonimmigrant programs: the H-2A and H-2B Temporary Labor Certification Programs. The H-2A temporary agricultural program establishes a means for agricultural employers who anticipate a shortage of domestic workers to bring nonimmigrant aliens to the U.S. to perform agricultural labor or services of a temporary or seasonal

nature. The H-2B program establishes a means for employers to bring nonimmigrant aliens to the U.S. to perform temporary nonagricultural services or labor.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of remote field camps during a skiing/climbing expedition in the Antarctic interior. The

application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 20, 2004. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation

Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed Antarctic Waste Regulations, 45 CFR Part 671, that requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use of release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica.

The waste permit applications received are as follows:

Applicant	
Ralph Fedor, 2337 Granite View Road, Waite Park, MN 56387 .....	Permit Application No. 2005 WM-003.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* The applicant is a member of the Peter 1st Ham Radio Expedition and makes this application for a Waste Management Permit for the use and release of designated pollutants. The applicant along with approximately 15 others will establish a temporary camp on Peter 1st Island using several Weather Haven shelters for sleeping, cooking and eating, and two small lab or work areas. The camp will be established for approximately 2.5 weeks, after which it will be removed. Propane tanks for cooking and 55 gallon drums of unleaded gas will be used to operate electric generators. These items will be secured and have tarps underneath to contain any possible spills. Daily inspections will be conducted to ensure items are secure. All human, paper, kitchen wastes will be removed from Antarctica. All items brought ashore will be returned to the ship for proper disposition.

*Location:* Peter I Island.

*Dates:* January 1, 2005 to February 28, 2005.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50355; File No. SR-Amex-2004-23]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 to the Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Generic Listing Standards for Trust Certificate Securities Linked to a Portfolio of Investment Grade Securities

September 13, 2004.

#### I. Introduction

On April 19, 2004, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to provide generic listing standards for qualified trust certificate securities (“Trust Securities”) pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act. On May 12, 2004, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. <sup>3</sup> Notice of the proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2004. <sup>4</sup> The Commission received no comments regarding the proposal. On August 31, 2004, the Exchange filed

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See letter from Jeffrey P. Burns, Associate General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated May 12, 2004. In Amendment No. 1, Amex made technical changes to its proposed rule change.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49840 (June 9, 2004), 69 FR 33958.

Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change. <sup>5</sup> On September 9, 2004, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change. <sup>6</sup> This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended.

#### II. Description

Under Section 107A of the Company Guide, the Exchange may approve for listing and trading securities which cannot be readily categorized under the listing criteria for common and preferred stocks, bonds, debentures, or warrants. <sup>7</sup> The Amex is now proposing to amend Section 107 to add Section 107E to provide additional criteria for certain trust certificate securities that serve as pass-through vehicles for a portfolio of investment-grade fixed income and/or floating rate securities. <sup>8</sup>

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is italicized.

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#### Section 107. Other Securities

The Exchange will consider listing any security not otherwise covered by the criteria of Sections 101 through 106, provided the issue is otherwise suited for auction market trading. Such issues

<sup>5</sup> See letter from Jeffrey P. Burns, Associate General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated August 30, 2004. In Amendment No. 2, Amex removed the words “at the end of the term” from Section 107E(a)(vii).

<sup>6</sup> See letter from Jeffrey P. Burns, Associate General Counsel, Amex, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated September 9, 2004. In Amendment No. 3, Amex added the words “including pursuant to unlisted trading privileges” to Section 107E(a).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 27753 (March 1, 1990); 55 FR 8626 (March 8, 1990) (order approving File No. SR-Amex-89-29).

<sup>8</sup> “Investment grade” is a current rating that is no lower than an S&P Corporation “B” rating or equivalent rating by another nationally recognized securities rating organization (“NRSRO”).