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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in August 2000. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in September 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The assumed interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in August 2000 is 4.97 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.85 percent yield figure for July 2000).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining

variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between September 1999 and August 2000.

| For premium payment years beginning in: | The assumed interest rate is: |
|---|-------------------------------|
| September 1999 | 5.16 |
| October 1999 | 5.16 |
| November 1999 | 5.32 |
| December 1999 | 5.23 |
| January 2000 | 5.40 |
| February 2000 | 5.64 |
| March 2000 | 5.30 |
| April 2000 | 5.14 |
| May 2000 | 4.97 |
| June 2000 | 5.23 |
| July 2000 | 5.04 |
| August 2000 | 4.97 |

Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in September 2000 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 10th day of August 2000.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-08597]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (The Cooper Companies, Inc., Common Stock, \$.10 Par Value.)

August 8, 2000.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Security Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.10 par value

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

("Security") from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX").

In its filing with the Commission, the Company cited the following factors in making the determination to withdraw its Security from listing and registration on the PCX:

The Security is currently listed and registered on both the PCX and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). The Company believes that no advantage exists in maintaining listings for the Security on both exchanges and that the continuation of such dual listing might result in fragmentation of the marketplace for the Security. Finally, the Company notes that trading volume in its Security on the PCX has been very low, making the continuing costs associated with the maintenance of such listing unjustifiable.

The Company has stated that it has complied with the rules of the PCX governing the withdrawal of its Security, and that the PCX has in turn indicated that it does not oppose such withdrawal.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing and registration on the PCX and shall have no effect upon the Security's continued listing and registration on the NYSE. By reason of section 12(b) of the Act³ and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Company shall continue to be obligated to file reports with the Commission under section 13 of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before August 29, 2000, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Security and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the PCX and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-43133; File No. SR-NASD-99-53]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Amendment Nos. 5, 6, and 7 to Proposed Rule Change by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to the Establishment of Nasdaq Order Display Facility and to Modifications of the Nasdaq Trading Platform

August 10, 2000.

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 the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") Amendment Nos. 5, 6, and 7 to the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. On May 16, 2000, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 5 to the proposal.³ On July 6, 2000, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 6 to the proposal.⁴ On August 7, 2000, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 7 to the proposal.⁵ The proposed rule change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 were published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 1999.⁶ On March 16, 2000, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposal.⁷ On March 30, 2000 Amendment No. 4 was published for comment in the **Federal Register**.⁸ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendment Nos. 5, 6,

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Richard G. Ketchum, President, NASD, to Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (May 16, 2000) ("Amendment No. 5").

⁴ See letter from Richard G. Ketchum, President, NASD, to Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (July 6, 2000) ("Amendment No. 6").

⁵ See letter from Richard G. Ketchum, President, NASD, to Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (August 7, 2000) ("Amendment No. 7").

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42166 (Nov. 22, 1999), 64 FR 69125.

⁷ See letter from Richard G. Ketchum, President, NASD, to Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (March 15, 2000) ("Amendment No. 3"). In Amendment No. 3, the NASD responded to comment letters and submitted substantive, clarifying, and technical amendments to the proposal.

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42573 (March 23, 2000), 65 FR 16981.

and 7 to the proposed rule change from interested persons.⁹

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

Nasdaq and the NASD propose the following amendments in response to comment letters submitted to the Commission regarding the proposal as originally noticed. The amended rule language is as follows:¹⁰

Proposed additions are *italicized* and proposed deletions are placed in [brackets].

4720. SelectNet Service—Deleted

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4611. Registration as a Nasdaq Market Maker

(a)–(e) No Change

(f) Unless otherwise specified by the Association, each Nasdaq market maker that is registered as a market maker in a Nasdaq [National Market security]-*listed security* shall also at all times be registered as a market maker in the Nasdaq National Market Execution System (NNMS) with respect to that security and be subject to the NNMS Rules as set forth in the Rule 4700 Series. [Participation in the Small Order Execution System (SOES) shall be voluntary for any Nasdaq market maker registered to make a market in a Nasdaq SmallCap security.]

(g) No Change

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4613. Character of Quotations

(a) Two-Sided Quotations

(1) For each security in which a member is registered as a market maker, the member shall be willing to buy and sell such security for its own account on a continuous basis and shall enter and maintain a two-sided quotation[s] ("*Principal Quote*"), which is attributed to the market maker by a special maker participant identifier ("*MMID*") and is displayed in the Nasdaq Quotation Montage [in The Nasdaq Stock Market]

⁹ This 19b-4 filing, representing Amendment Nos. 5, 6, and 7 to SR-NASD-99-53, reflect the substantive amendments to the filing, and contains some technical changes and clarifying information to the proposal.

¹⁰ The amended rule language contained in this notice reflects the Commission's approval of SR-NASD-99-11, regarding the establishment of the Nasdaq National Market System ("NNMS"). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42344 (January 14, 2000), 65 FR 3987 (January 25, 2000) (Order for File No. SR-NASD-99-11 functionally integrating the Small Order Execution System ("SOES") and SelectNet system to become the foundation of the NNMS.) In addition, the amended rule language replaces, in the entirety, the rule language contained in the original filing, as well as Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.