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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, D.C. 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad-10; SEC File No. 270-265; OMB Control No. 3235-0273.

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 existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 17Ad-10 Prompt Posting of Certificate Detail to Master Securityholder Files; Maintenance of Accurate Securityholder Files and Control Book; and Retention of Certificate Detail

Rule 17Ad-10, 17 CFR 240.17Ad-10, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, requires approximately 1,093 registered transfer agents to create and maintain minimum information on securityholders' ownership of an issue of securities for which it performs transfer agent functions, including the purchase, transfer and redemptions of securities. In addition, the rule also requires transfer agents that maintain securityholder records to keep certificate detail that has been cancelled from those records for a minimum of six years and to maintain and keep current an accurate record of the number of shares or principle dollar amount of debt securities that the issuer has authorized to be outstanding (a "control book"). These recordkeeping requirements assist in the creation and maintenance of accurate securityholder records, the ability to research errors, and ensure the transfer agent is aware of the number of securities that are properly authorized by the issuer, thereby avoiding over issuance.

The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17

Ad-10 is approximately 20 hours per year, totaling 21,860 hours industrywide. The average cost per hour is approximately \$20 per hour, with the industry-wide cost estimated at approximately \$437,200. However, information required by Rule 17Ad-10 generally already is maintained by registered transfer agents. The amount of time devoted to compliance with Rule 17Ad-10 varies according to differences in business activity.

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: September 26, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extensions: Rule 6c-7 SEC File No. 270-269; OMB Control No. 3235-0276; Rule 11a-2; SEC File No. 270-267; OMB Control No. 3235-0272.

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 (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 6c-7 [17 CFR 270.6c-7] under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("1940 Act") provides exemption from certain provisions of Sections 22(e) and 27 of the 1940 Act for registered separate accounts offering variable annuity contracts to certain employees of Texas institutions of higher education participating in the Texas Optional Retirement Program. There are approximately 82 registrants governed by Rule 6c-7. The burden of compliance with Rule 6c-7, regarding obtaining from a purchaser, prior to or at the time of purchase, a signed document acknowledging the restrictions on redeemability imposed by Texas law, is estimated to be approximately 3 minutes per response for each of 2,649 purchasers annually, for a total annual burden of 132.45 hours.

Rule 6c-7 requires that the separate account's Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) ("1933 Act") include a representation that Rule 6c-7 is being relied upon and is being complied with. This requirement enhances the Commission's ability to monitor utilization of and compliance with the rule. There are no recordkeeping requirements with respect to Rule 6c-7.

Rule 11a-2 [17 CFR 270.11a-2] permits certain registered insurance company separate accounts, subject to certain conditions, to make exchange offers without prior approval by the Commission of the terms of those offers. There are approximately 649 registrants governed by Rule 11a-2, with an estimated compliance time of 15 minutes per registrant, for a total annual burden of 162.25 hours.

Rule 11a-2 requires disclosure, in certain registration statements filed pursuant to the 1933 Act, of any administrative fee or sales load imposed in connection with an exchange offer. The information resulting from the disclosure is used by the Commission to monitor the terms and conditions of such exchange offers. There are no recordkeeping requirements with respect to this rule.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules or forms. With regard to Rule 6c-7, the Commission does not include in the estimate of average burden hours the time preparing registration statement and sales literature disclosure regarding the restrictions on redeemability imposed by Texas law. The estimate of burden hours for completing the

relevant registration statements are reported on the separate PRA submissions for those statements (see the separate PRA submissions for Form N-3 [17 CFR 274.11b] and Form N-4 [17 CFR 274.11c]). With regard to Rule 11a-2, the Commission includes the estimate of burden hours in the total number of burden hours estimated for completing the relevant registration statements and reported on the separate PRA submissions for those statements (see the separate PRA submissions for Form N-3 and Form N-4).

Complying with the collection of information requirements of the rules is necessary to obtain a benefit. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-43380; File No. 265-22]

Advisory Commission on Market Information

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental notice.

SUMMARY: This notice supplements the Securities and Exchange Commission's notice of intent to establish the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Market Information ("Committee"), and intent to hold the first Committee meeting on October 10, 2000 (65 FR 58135).

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted in triplicate and should refer to File No. 265-22. Comments should be submitted to Jonathan G.

Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anitra Cassas, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, at 202-942-0089; Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-1001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 20, 2000, the Commission issued a notice that the first meeting of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Market Information is to be held on October 10, 2000, in the William O. Douglas Room at the Commission's main offices, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC, beginning at 1 p.m. (Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43313, September 20, 2000). The meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to submit written comments to the Committee. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2000, less than 15 days prior to the first meeting as required by 41 CFR 101-61015. To accommodate all of the committee members' schedules and travel arrangements, however, the Commission finds good cause to continue to hold the meeting on October 10, 2000.

Dated: September 28, 2000.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-4338; File No. SR-Amex-00-53]

Self Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to the streetTrackssm Dow Jones Global Titans Index Fund

September 25, 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 on September 13, 2000, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to approve the proposal on an accelerated basis.

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

The Amex proposes to list and trade under Amex Rules 1000A *et seq.* ("Index Fund Shares"), shares of the streetTrackssm Dow Jones Global Titans Index Fund. The text of the proposed rule change is available upon request from the Office of the Secretary, the Amex or 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, 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 III 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

1. Purpose

On March 8, 1996, the Commission approved Amex's listing and trading of Index Fund Shares under Rules 1000A *et seq.*³ Index Fund Shares are shares issued by an open-end management investment company that seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specified foreign or domestic equity market index. The Exchange currently trades the following Index Fund Shares under Amex Rules 1000A *et seq.*: Select Sector SPDRs based on industry sectors in the S&P 500 Index;⁴ iShares MSCI Index Funds (formerly "WEBS") based on Morgan Stanley Capital International foreign indexes;⁵ series of the iShares Trust based on domestic stock indexes;⁶ and

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36947 (March 8, 1996), 61 FR 10606 (March 14, 1996).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40749 (December 4, 1998), 63 FR 68483 (December 11, 1998).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 42748 (May 2, 2000), 65 FR 30155 (May 10, 2000); and 36947 (March 8, 1996), 61 FR 10606 (March 14, 1996).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42787 (May 15, 2000), 65 FR 33598 (May 24, 2000).