

clarifies that, for purposes of Rule G-40, the dealer's Primary Contact may be either a Series 53-registered municipal securities principal or a Series 51-registered municipal fund securities limited principal. Thus, dealers who previously listed a Series 24 or 26 principal as their Primary Contact on Form G-40 should amend their form electronically by visiting the MSRB's Web site (<http://www.msrb.org>) and listing either a Series 53 or 51 principal as their new Primary Contact. Of course, no amendment is necessary if this is the same person, *i.e.*, the Series 24 or 26 previously listed has taken and passed the Series 53 or 51 examination.

The proposed rule change also clarifies that a dealer may amend its Form G-40 electronically by logging on to the MSRB's web site. Finally, the amendments require that dealers note whether the form they are submitting is an original or amended Form G-40; this will facilitate the MSRB's processing of such forms.

## 2. Basis

The MSRB has adopted the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 15B(b)(2)(I) of the Exchange Act, which authorizes the MSRB to adopt rules that provide for the operation and administration of the MSRB. The MSRB also believes that the proposed rule change will facilitate effective electronic communications between dealers and the MSRB.

### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act since it would apply equally to all brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers.

### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; (iii) was provided to the SEC for its review at least five business days prior to the filing date; and (iv) does not become operative until August 4, 2003, which is more than thirty (30) days after the date

of its filing, the MSRB has submitted this proposed rule change to become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>8</sup> In particular, the MSRB believes the proposed rule change qualifies as a "non-controversial filing" in that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest and does not impose any significant burden on competition.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submissions, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the Board's offices. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-MSRB-2003-05 and should be submitted by August 4, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

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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 National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Regarding Fees for the Automated Confirmation Transaction Service**

July 8, 2003.

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> notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2003 the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed a proposed rule change with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"). On April 22, 2003, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> On May 28, 2003, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.<sup>4</sup> On June 19, 2003, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> The proposed rule change is described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. Nasdaq has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by Nasdaq under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See letter from John M. Yetter, Assistant General Counsel, Nasdaq, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission dated April 21, 2003. In Amendment No. 1, Nasdaq replaced its proposed rule change in its entirety.

<sup>4</sup> See letter from Mary M. Dunbar, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Nasdaq, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division, Commission dated May 27, 2003. In Amendment No. 2, Nasdaq replaced its proposed rule change in its entirety.

<sup>5</sup> See letter from Mary M. Dunbar, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Nasdaq, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division, Commission dated June 18, 2003. In Amendment No. 3, Nasdaq altered its original notice of a proposed rule change to re-designate it as effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii)). See *n. 22 infra*.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).