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November 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Rappaport:

On behalf of the Participant Exchanges of the Options Price Reporting Authority, enclosed herewith, is the "Application or Amendment to Application for Registration as Securities Information Processor under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (FORM SIP)", filed pursuant to Exchange Act Release No. 11673 and Rule 11Ab2-1.

If you have any questions. I can be reached at the number below.

Very truly yours, homas & Cu

Thomas S. Cushing Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Theodore Urban OCRA Participants

CPRA 212-938-6373

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

FORM SIP

APPLICATION OR AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR

REGISTRATION AS SECURITIES INFORMATION PROCESSOR

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OPTIONS PRICE REPORTING AUTHORITY

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(Exact name of applicant as specified in charter)

86 Trinity Place, New York, New York, 10006 (Address of principal executive offices)

If this is an APPLICATION for registration, complete in full and check here.

If this is an AMENDMENT to an application, or to an effective registration (other than an annual amendment) list all items which are amended and check here.

If this is an ANNUAL AMENDMENT to an effective registration, list all items which are amended and check here.

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Board Options Exchange, Inc., and PBW Stock Exchange, Inc. The only securities for which Apolicant acts as a securities information processor are options contracts issued by the Options Clearing Corporation which are traded on such Exchanges.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

7. Applicant is a:

Corporation _____

Partnership _

Sole Proprietorship

Other form or Organization (Specify)

- Applicant is the designation given to a committee of the participating Exchanges established for the purpose of administering the "Plan for Reporting of Option Last Sale Price Information" attached as Exhibit A.

8. If applicant is a corporation:

a. Date of incorporation: <u>Not applicable</u>

b. State of incorporation: <u>Not applicable</u>

9. If applicant is a partnership

a. Date of filing of partnership articles: _____ Not applicable _____

- b. State in which filed: _____ Not applicable _____
- 10. Applicant agrees and consents that the notice of any proceeding before the Commission in connection with its application for registration as a securities information processor may be given by sending such notice by certified mail or confirmed telegram to the officer specified or person named below at the address given.

 Mr. Thomas S. Cushing, Executive Director

 (Name of person or, if applicant is a corporation, title of officer)

 Options Price Reporting Authority

 (Name of applicant (if applicant is other than a sole proprietor)

 86 Trinity Place, New York, New York 10006

 (No. and Street)
 (City)

 938-6373

 (Area Code)
 (Telephone Number)

11. SIGNATURES: The Applicant has duly caused this application or amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, this <u>7th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1975. The Applicant and the undersigned represent hereby that all information contained herein is true, current and complete. It is understood that all required items and Exhibits are considered integral parts of this form and that the submission of any amendment represents that all unamended items and Exhibits remain true, current and complete as previously filed.

OPTIONS PRICE REPORTING AUTHORITY (Name of Applicant) S. Cus (Manual Signature of Sole Proprietor, General Partner, Managing Agent or Principal Officer) **Executive** Director (Title) ÷

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EXHIBIT A

American Stock Exchange, Inc. (Amex) 86 Trinity Place New York, New York 10006

Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (CBOE) 141 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604

PBW Stock Exchange, Inc. (PBW) 17th Street & Stock Exchange Place Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Attached is the agreement through which such persons exercise direction.

PLAN FOR REPORTING OF OPTION LAST SALE PRICE INFORMATION

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The undersigned registered national securities exchanges, acting pursuant to letters dated April 25, 1974, sent to each of the undersigned by the Securities and Exchange Commission directing them to address satisfactorily the question of the consolidated reporting of last sale prices in eligible option contracts listed and traded on national securities exchanges, have jointly developed and hereby agree upon the following plan for this purpose. The term "Plan" as used herein shall mean said plan as from time to time amended in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Auson Parties egreement through which

(a) The parties to the Plan are as follows:

(i) Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE"), a registered national securities exchange, having its principal place of business at LaSalle at Jackson, Chicago, Illinois;

(ii) American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("AMEX"), a registered national securities exchange, having its principal place of business at 86 Trinity Place, New York, New York.

(b) Any other national securities exchange having a plan for trading listed options declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 9b-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 may become a party, provided said exchange agrees to conform to the terms and conditions of the Plan, as the same may be amended from time to time.

II. Administration of the Plan

(a) Options Price Reporting Authority. This Plan and the options price reporting system described herein (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Options Price Reporting System" or the "System") shall be administered by the parties as hereinafter provided through a committee designated as the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA"), and all action taken by the parties or their agents for purposes of implementing and administering the Plan shall be on behalf of all the parties in the name of OPRA. All references herein to OPRA shall mean the parties acting pursuant to the Plan.

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be entered into with vendors and subscribers;

(3) setting standards to be applied in
 determining the qualification of subscribers;

(4) determining the level of fees to be paid by subscribers to the parties; and source the exchange, having the principal place of the matter at 1:(5) 1 determining policy questions relating to budgetary or financial matters.

Transford Teach Thaisman Tra-. (22) Action of OPRA taken under the Plan shall be authorized by the affirmative vote of parties representing not less than 66-2/3% of the total voting authority in accordance with Section II(c), except that no party shall be committed to make an expenditure of the nature described in Section V(b) hereof, without the express approval of that party. Action so authorized shall be binding upon all of the parties, without prejudice to the rights of any party to present contrary views to any regulatory body or in any other appropriate forum. OPRA may delegate all or ... part of the administrative functions under the Plan, but not the policy making authority, to one or more of the parties or to other persons, and any person to which administrative functions are so delegated shall perform the same as agent for the parties, in the name-of OPRA. ---and the optimum grade is perturbed of several is horein in a so (c) Voting Authority. Each party shall appoint one yoting representative and one alternate voting representative

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to exercise voting authority on behalf of that party for purposes of the Plan. The voting authority of each party shall be determined initially on the date of execution of the Plan (hereinafter referred to as "Execution Date") and shall be redetermined annually on each anniversary of the Execution Date. In the event there are no more than two parties to the Plan on the Execution Date or on any anniversary thereof, voting authority shall be equally divided between the parties. In the event there are more than two parties to the Plan on any such date, the voting authority of each party shall be a percentage of the total voting authority determined by dividing (i) the number of separate options transactions reported through the Options Price Reporting System (or otherwise reported prior .to the commencement of operations of the System) by that party during the preceding twelve-month period by (ii) the total number of all options transactions so reported by all parties during that same period. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section II(c), no party shall have voting authority greater than 50%, and any voting authority in excess of 50% that a party might otherwise have shall be distributed pro rata to the other party or parties in proportion to their voting authority prior to such distribution. Exchanges becoming parties during the period between the annual determination of voting authority as provided above shall be entitled to voting authority of 10% taken proportionately from the voting authority of the other exchanges which have been parties since the Execution Date or the immediately preceding anniversary thereof. If an exchange should cease to be a party, its voting authority shall be allocated among the remaining parties in proportion to the then voting authority of each such party until the next . succeeding anniversary of the Execution Date.

(d) <u>Meetings of the Parties</u>. Regular meetings of the parties, which shall be attended by each party's voting representative or alternate, and may be attended by one or more non-voting representatives of the parties, shall be held at such times as shall from time to time be determined by OPRA, on not less than 10 days notice. Special meetings may be called upon the request of a party or parties representing 33-1/3% or more of the voting authority on not less than two days notice. OPRA shall designate annually from among the representatives of the parties a Chairman to preside at meetings and a Secretary to record the minutes thereof. The location of regular meetings shall be fixed by OPRA, and the

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location of special meetings shall be fixed by the Chairman, provided that in general the location of meetings shall be rotated among the locations of the principal offices of the parties, as nearly as practicable in relation to the voting authority of each party. Parties may attend a meeting by conference telephone, and action may be taken without a meeting if the voting representatives of all parties consent thereto in writing.

III. Eligible Securities

For the purpose of inclusion in the Options Price Reporting System, the term "eligible securities" shall include each series of option contracts listed and traded on an exchange which is a party, and in the discretion of OPRA and subject to such conditions as OPRA shall determine, may also include options contracts covering the same underlying stocks and having the same terms as the foregoing option contracts, but listed and traded on one or more exchanges which are not parties.

IV. Option Price Reporting System

(a) <u>General</u>. The Options Price Reporting System shall provide for the uniform, non-discriminatory dissemination of last sale price reports for eligible securities over a consolidated options tape network (the "Consolidated Options Tape") and, on a current basis, over a network to vendors and news services (the "Vendor Network"). Parties shall report promptly, in proper sequence, and in the appropriate format conforming to the specifications prescribed by OPRA, all last sale price reports relating to transactions in eligible securities taking place on each respective exchange. Such reports shall identify:

(i) the option series;

(ii) the number of contracts in each transaction;

(iii) the price at which the contracts were sold;

(iv) the market of execution; and

(v) through appropriate codes and messages, late or out of sequence trades, cancels, spread trades and opening ranges, trading halts and suspensions, and similar matters.

Last sale price reports of eligible securities shall be disseminated only through the Options Price Reporting System, and only such reports and related information shall be disseminated through the System. The Options Price Reporting System shall disseminate information covering transactions in eligible securities occurring during the time when two or more parties are open for trading, and, at the request of any party, it may also disseminate such information when only the requesting party is open for trading; in which event that party shall be charged with the costs allocable to operating the System during that period.

(b) <u>The Processor</u>. OPRA shall select a Processor, and shall enter into a contract therewith providing for such Processor to perform, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by OPRA, the following functions:

> (i) provide facilities and personnel to receive and process last sale price reports and related information transmitted to it by the parties, and disseminate reports over the Consolidated Options Tape in an orderly, reliable and timely manner, and in the format of the specifications developed by OPRA;

(ii) perform functions in connection with the validation and correction of transmission messages received from the parties; and

(iii) perform such other functions as OPRA shall determine.

Commencing with the start-up of operations of the Consolidated Options Tape, as described in paragraph (c) below, the Processor shall be the Securities Industry Automation Corporation ("SIAC"), which shall serve as such under an initial contract having a term of two years, <u>provided</u> that if within such two-year period OPRA shall determine that the

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Processor should perform functions in addition to the functions specified above relating to the Consolidated Options Tape, and that these additional functions make it appropriate to consider other persons to serve as Processor, then the contract with SIAC shall be terminable at such time as OPRA may determine.

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(d) Vendor Network. In order to provide for the dissemination of consolidated options last sale price reports and related information for use in vendor interrogation systems, each of the parties shall transmit such reports and information relating to its respective exchange to vendors and news services by means of the party's own facilities in a format conforming to uniform specifications established by OPRA, provided that at such time as OPRA determines that it is feasible and desirable for such reports and information to be collected, consolidated and disseminated by the Processor, the parties shall transmit their respective reports and information directly to the Processor rather than to vendors and news services. Parties shall enter into uniform, nondiscriminatory contracts with vendors and with news services providing that options price information may be disseminated through the Vendor Network only for (Λ) developing a data base for the purpose of responding to inquiries through interrogation devices or other devices located in the offices of approved subscribers capable of displaying last sale prices of eligible securities as they occur; (B) reporting changes in last sale prices of eligible securities as they occur through display devices located in the offices of approved subscribers; and

(C) providing last sale price information and related information in such other forms as OPRA may approve.

Such contracts shall be designed to insure that options price information is received and transmitted through the Vendor Network in an orderly, reliable and timely fashion, and shall include provisions relating to the following:

> (i) There shall be uniform specifications governing the format in which last sale prices are reported by the parties;

(ii) There shall be standards governing the services provided by vendors to subscribers, which shall require that such services facilitate dissemination of last sale price in a manner consistent with applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that such services will not be discriminatory or contrary to the orderly development and regulation of options markets;

(iii) the equipment used in connection with a display service (consolidated options tape) shall be capable of displaying all last sale prices reported regardless of the market where the transaction took place and shall identify such market;

(iv) the equipment used in connection with a retrieval service shall be capable of displaying last sale prices in respect of any security being reported upon, regardless of the market where the transaction took place, and, unless exempted from this requirement, shall identify the market where each transaction reported upon took place.

(v) Vendors may provide options last sale prices and related information only to subscribers approved by OPRA.

(vi) To permit appropriate regulation of the Options Price Reporting System and to assure that all subscribers receive the same information, and c _____also to insure the viability of the System, ______vendors shall not be permitted to retransmit the Consolidated Options Tape on.a continuous real time basis, unless the terms of such -______retransmission are agreed to and embodied in _______subsequent contracts with such vendors,

Approval of Contracts with Vendors, Subscribers (e) and Processor. Any vendor, news services or subscriber in respect of the Consolidated Options Tape or the Vendor Network is subject to the approval of OPRA, and may be disapproved or its previous approval may be terminated upon the determination by OPRA that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public_interest or for the protection of investors, or in the event such person violates any provision of any contract or agreement pursuant to which such person receives last sale price information through the system. Any person adversely affected by final action of OPRA in disapproving or revoking prior approval of the privilege of receiving last. sale price_information through the system (except in the case of non-payment of fees) shall be entitled to have such action reviewed in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. All contracts entered into between persons receiving such information and the parties and between the Processor and the parties shall provide that the last-sale price information covered thereunder remains the property of the respective exchange on which the reported transaction took place, and all contracts shall be executed, and the fees collectable thereunder shall be billed and collected, on behalf of all the parties.

V. Financial Matters, consider of the rest of the

(a) Each party shall be responsible for paying the full cost incurred by it in collecting and reporting to the Processor or to vendors last sale price information in eligible securities for dissemination through the Options Price Reporting System.

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(b) The parties shall share equally in all start-up costs relating to the implementation and administration of the Plan including the costs of developing facilities necessary for all supermore received the care incorrection. Inc receiving, processing and disseminating options last sale price reports and related information through the System. These costs shall be recoverable by the parties in accordance with paragraph (d) below. New parties to the Plan, as a condition of their becoming parties, shall pay to the other parties a share of the unamortized start-up costs, so that each party's share of such costs is the same, and shall then share proportionately in the recovery of such costs in accordance with paragraph (d) below.

(c) Subject to the last sentence of paragraph (a) of Section IV, each party shall bear a proportional share of the administrative and operating costs of the System, including costs incurred by any party acting on behalf of all the parties for purposes of the Plan and costs incurred by the Processor for receiving, processing and disseminating the last sale prices, such costs to be apportioned at the end of each calendar quarter on the basis of the relative number of separate options transactions reported to OPRA by each party during the preceding three months.

20 Net revenues derived from the System in ex-(d) cess of the administrative and operating costs and expenses shall be credited to each of the parties at the end of each calendar quarter on the same basis as provided in paragraph (c) above for the allocation of costs, provided that before any net revenues are so credited to the parties, there shall first be paid to each party at the end of each calendar quarter as reimbursement for start-up costs paid pursuant to paragraph (b) above the lesser of (i) 5% of the amount of start-up costs incurred by each party or (ii) a share of such net profits allocated in proportion to the amount of such start-up costs incurred by each party, until such time as each of the parties has recovered all of the start-up costs incurred by it.

(e) An independent audit shall be made yearly of all costs chargeable to the System, all revenues collected in connection therewith, and the allocation of excess revenues among the parties.

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VI. Withdrawal; Non-transferability of Rights under the Plan

Any party may withdraw from the Plan at any time on not less than six months prior written notice to each of the the other parties and to the Processor. Any party withdrawing from the Plan shall remain liable for, and shall pay upon demand its portion of the start-up costs payable pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section V above, and it shall not be entitled to any recovery of these costs. It shall also remain liable for its proportionate share of administrative and operating expenses for the period during which it was a party, but it shall have no further obligations under the Plan or to any of the other parties with respect to the period following the effectiveness of its withdrawal. The right of a party to have last sale price information disseminated through the System should not be transferable. ingorationi in the set of

VII. Applicability of Exchange Act.

The rights and obligations of the parties to the Plan and of vendors, new services, subscribers and other persons contracting with the parties in respect of the matters covered by the Plan shall at all times be subject to any applicable provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

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The Plan may be amended by the affirmative vote of 66-2/3% of the total voting authority as determined pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section II above.

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CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INC.

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AGREEMENT. TO BECOME PARTICIPANT IN OPTIONS PRICE REPORTING PLAN

The undersigned, being a national securities exchange having a plan for trading listed options which has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") pursuant to Rule 9b-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and desiring to become a party to the Plan For Reporting Of Options Last Sale Price Information ("Plan") filed with the SEC by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (said Plan having been the subject of a letter of non-disapproval from the SEC dated April 7, 1975), hereby assents to and agrees to conform with and to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, as the same may be amended from time to time, and the determinations of the Options Price Reporting Authority made pursuant thereto.

Dated: June 25, 1975

PBW Stock Exchange, Inc.

By Chin

Arnold F. Staloff, Vice President

EXHIBIT B

OPRA has no officers, directors, governors or members. The designated representatives of the participating Exchanges are Robert T. Eckenrode for the Amex, Richard J. Cowles for the CBOE and Arnold F. Staloff for the PBW. Thomas S. Cushing is engaged as a consultant to the Exchanges listed in Exhibit A to act as Executive Director of OPRA. Information concerning the foregoing individuals is as follows:

- a. Robert T. Eckenrode
- b. Amex representative to OPRA
- c. Commenced April 1975; appointment terminable by Amex
- d. Seven months
- e. 1969 to present American Stock Exchange, Inc. Senior Vice President, Administration and Planning
- f. Director: American Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation, Consolidated Tape Association, SECTOR Advisory Board
 - Member: BASIC Steering Committee
- g. None
- a. Richard J. Cowles
- **b.** CBOE representative to OPRA
- c. Commenced April 1975; appointment terminable by CBOE
- d. Seven months
- e. 1973 to present Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Group Vice President

1971 to 1973 - G.A. Saxton & Co., Inc., Financial Analyst Prior to 1971 - IBM Corporation, Data Processing Division

- f. None
- g. None.
- a. Arnold F. Staloff
- b. PBW representative to OPRA
- c. Commenced May 1975; appointment terminable by PBW
- d. Six months
- e. 1971 to present PBW Stock Exchange, Inc. Vice President

Prior to 1971 - Securities and Exchange Commission

- f. Chairman: Operations Committee of Consolidated Tape Association
- g. None

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a. Thomas S. Cushing b. Executive Director of OPRA c. Commenced April 1975; contract terminable on thirty days notice d. Seven months e, 1974 to present - Consultant to Amex and CBOE 1972-1974 - Securities Industry Automation Corporation Manager, Project Control, Communications Systems Marketing 1970-1972 - American Stock Exchange, Inc. Director, Communications Department f. None - Ersenne g. None o, Conversion Series Breachthean termines. d. Seven months e, 1966 to present - American Stock Inchance. ----Sensor Mice President, with distribution of 1. Director: American Story Exchange Clearing Tape Accounter. SICT CR. Lameer ... Member: EASIC Steering Committee ç, None a. Richard J. Cowles b. CBO2 representative to CFR4 c, Commenced Scril 1273, appointment terminal C. Seren mental 4. 1971 to present - Chicago Board Company Rev. Group Mice President Prior to 1971 - ISUI Compression, Data Proce i. Note g, Note e, Aradi I. Steleff 2, PER representative to JPFA c. Commences More 1878 - sepondent terminal d. Sun monthe e, 1971 to present - PENT Stock Emphange, inc. Wide President Prior to 1971 - Securitues and Extensions Comm 11. Chairman: Cheramona Committee of Corse T, Note

EXHIBIT C

The Options Price Reporting Authority is the designation given to a committee of the participating Exchanges for the purpose of administering the Plan attached as Exhibit A.





EXHIBIT D

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EXHIBIT F

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EXHIBIT G

See Exhibit A

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EXHIBIT, H

Not applicable

EXHIBIT I

Not applicable

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a. OPRA's fees for receiving options last sale price information through authorized vendors are described in the attached fee schedule. In addition, there is a fee of \$70 per month for receiving the consolidated options tape line in cities serviced by the tape network.

b. The fees listed above were established in relation to the projected expenses of the participating Exchanges in collecting and disseminating options last sale price information.

c. Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT TO OPRA SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT

FEE SCHEDULE

In accordance with Section 3 of the Subscriber Agreement to which this schedule is attached the following fee schedule has been approved by the Participants of OPRA as the basis for determining the monthly amount to be paid by the subscriber for the privilege of receiving option last sale price information.

The OPRA monthly billing for your firm is the lesser of the two totals filled in below, with the exception that the minimum charge is \$35 per subscribing firm. Furthermore, the registered representative alternative applies only to registered broker/dealers.

Total number of locations (Please enter)

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Total number of Registered Representatives (Please enter)

The fee structure is <u>firm-wide</u>, and the above totals should include <u>all</u> registered representatives and <u>all</u> business locations of your firm. Semi-annually OPRA will distribute an adjustment form for entering any changes that would alter the monthly billing. In addition, a firm can adjust its billing at any time by notifying OPRA in writing of the change.

Please bill to the attention of: _____

Note: These prices are subject to change by OPRA on 30-day's notice. This fee covers the privilege of receiving the information and does not cover the Consolidated Options Tape or services and equipment supplied by vendors.

Return to: OPRA 86 Trinity Place New York, New York 10006

Effective March 1, 1975

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EXHIBIT K

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ATTACHMENT A

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<u>Specifications for</u> <u>Computer Interface to OPRA</u>

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Options Price Reporting Authority

August 1975

OUTPUT TO OPRA PROCESSOR

- A. Transmission Speed 1200 bits per second, asynchronous
- B. Code Set Modified ASCI per attachment

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- D. Transmission Line Operation Full duplex communication circuit, half duplex operation, point to point.
- E. Output Line Discipline There will be no polling or addressing required. All messages will originate from the Participant Exchanges' processors. The only transmissions originated from the OPRA processor will be acknowledgements to Exchange generated messages.
- F. Message Control All messages transmitted from an Exchange processor require a response from the OPRA processor. Subsequent messages cannot be transmitted until the previous message has been acknowledged No message shall exceed 1000 characters, including STX and ETX.
- G. Message Format -
 - 1. All messages will start with a start-of message character (#) followed by two alphabetic message type characters (TZ) and a space, followed by the message text, and ending with an end-ofcharacter, e.g. -



- 2. The response transmitted back by the OPRA processor will be: a, Acknowledgement to a good transmission -Line Feed, Plus Sign, Form Feed, EOT
 - b. Acknowledgement to a bad transmission -Line Feed, Minus Sign, two digit error code, Form Feed, EOT The two digit error codes are:
 - 10 Missing SOM
 - 11 All other errors
 - 12 Invalid message type (not TZ)

3. There will be no validation other than for SOM, parity, and ETX.

Examples	
≡ + 7	Good Message
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≣ -11 7	All other errors
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H. Message Text -

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- 1. Option Symbol the option symbol will be a three to five alphabetic character symbol identifying the underlying security, expiration period, and striking price.
- 2. Exchange Identifier - Immediately following the option symbol will be an ampersand (&) followed by a single alphabetic character exchange identifier *.
- 3. Volume - Immediately following the exchange identifier will be the volume of contracts reported, up to three numeric characters.
- Separator Immediately following the volume will be a small "s" 4. to separate volume and premium price.
- 5. Premium Immediately following the small "s" will be the premium price of the trade.

Premiums containing fractions of one eighth or greater will be represented by a whole number and single digit fraction with no spaces between integer and fraction.

- b. Premiums containing sixteenth fractions will be represented as follows:
 - (1) A premium with no whole number will be represented by the numerator followed by a lower line dot(,) followed by the denominator.
 - (2) A premium containing a whole number plus a sixteenth fraction will be represented by the integer followed by a lower line dot(,) followed by the numerator of the fraction, followed by a lower line d.t , followed by the denominator.

Examples:	UPJAA&Ç4s1,15,1 6
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* The ampersand and Exchange identifier are not being used by Amex and CBOE. but is being used by PBW as an interim solution to identifying

I.: CORRECTION MESSAGE FORMAT

Note: All AMEX corrections will be preceded by the work "ABOUT" followed by the time of the incorrect transaction. e.g. ABOUT

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	1.	Prefix Code	Definition
	. •		Cancel a previously reported transaction other than the <u>last</u> report for the _particular option.
Ξ.	1.4 <i>5</i>	sagt Itra - s	Example: CNCLD.DISDF&A2s2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	-	CNCLD.LAST	Cancel the last reported transaction for the particular option.
		Pexalization veltit. 44	Example: CNCLD.LAST.DISDF&A2s2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	ź.	Suffix Code	
	3.	SLD.LAST	Transaction is being reported late but in the correct sequence.
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	ź.	Securator - imposite	Transaction is being reported late and out of sequence.
	5.	Premius - igrediately premius pri e s sic	Example: ITTCD&C.SLD2s4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	. ·	OPD Preti de la	Transaction is the opening trade and is being transmitted late or out of sequence. This will replace existing CBOE prefix codes OPEN and OPNL.
		b. Premiuse costaini as fillo	Example: ACDDF&X.OPD2s4 $\frac{1}{2}$
			Transaction represents a reopening of an option in which trading previously had been halted.
			Example: ACDDF&X.REOP2s $2\frac{1}{4}$
	• • .•	used by AMEX)	Transaction is an option for which the terms have recently been adjusted to reflect a stock split or similar event. This will replace existing CBOE prefix code ADJST.
			Example: IBMDA&C.AJST2s $8\frac{1}{2}$
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Suffix Code

SPRD (will not be
used by AMEX)Transaction represents a spread trade of
two options in the same option class.
This will replace existing CBOE prefix
code SPRD.

Example: IBMDA&C.SPRD2s44

FOR SYMBOL ERRORS (AMEX only) ABOUT10: 42NO. ABC&A $2s2\frac{1}{2}WAS$. XYZ&A $2s2\frac{1}{2}$

II TEXT MESSAGES

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- A. Text messages will be preceded by five (5) dots, an Exchange identification, and the word "TEXT". Following the text message will be five (5) commas.
- B. Between each word in a text message, a dot must be used as separators in order to make the ticker message more legible.

Example:

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Options Price Reporting Authority

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TICKER FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR OPRA OPTION TRADING

SCOPE

This specification which is a revision to the original specification dated September 13, 1973, describes the Option Sale ticker format for option contracts traded on the American Stock Exchange and Chicago Board Options Exchange. All revisions are denoted by a vertical line to the left of the change. The intent of this specification is to provide sufficient information to enable the reader of the Option Sale ticker to properly interpret the ticker output.

Changes and/or additions to this specification will be made as required with sufficient advance notice given to the tape users when possible.

FUNCTIONS OF THE OPTION SALE TICKER

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The purpose of the sale ticker is to broadcast to the financial community the current activity of option securities traded at the American Stock Exchange and Chicago Board Options Exchange.

The information reported is comprised of all option trades, periodic market reports based on the executed trades, announcements concerning all listed securities, and important news events which could have a significant effect on the complexion of the market.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The transmission of the sale ticker is 900 characters per minute, which is equivalent to 135 baud (bits per second), asynchronous.

Each character consists of nine bits:

- (a) a start bit
 - (b) six data or intelligence bits
 - (c) and two stop bits

The ticker tape consists of upper line data and lower line data as specified below. Upper line data contains alphabetic characters (A-Z), while the lower line data consists of numeric characters (0-9), fractions (1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4. 7/8), and special symbols, (B, c, s, , -). The (.) character can be used on both upper and lower lines. However, it has two different character meanings and bit code configuration. (Refer to the Ticker Code Chart).

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TICKER OUTPUT DESCRIPTION

The following information will be displayed on the OPRA Last Sale ticker:

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.1.	Security Symbol -	· · · · · · ·	
2.	Contract Date Code		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Strike Price Code	· .	•
4.	Exchange Identifier	,	
- 5	Number of Contracts Premium Price	batrasarras	twice for multiple
usel 56.0	Premium Price		trades

The Security Symbol will be the standard ticker symbol for the security involved in the option. This field will follow the same conventions as is presently used for stock and bond trading on the Amex.

The contract expiration date will be represented by an alpha character as follows:

For Call Options

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A- [:]	January	(lst	Quarter)
B- .	April	(2nd	Quarter)
C-	July	(3rd	Quarter)
D -	October	(4th	Quarter)

The Strike Price Code is an alpha representation denoting the sequence of striking prices within each security and its contract expiration date.

As an example, if IBM had striking prices of 300, 350, 370 for a January call option, the Strike Price Code would be A, B and C respectively.

I.E. IBMAA IBMAB IBMAC

The actual Strike Price will not be displayed.

An exchange identifier added to the option security symbol will identify the origin of the trade. The exchange identifier for Amex trades is an ampersand and A, i.e. &A. The identifer for CBOE trades is an ampersand and C, i.e. &C.

Options are traded in 100 share contracts. The number of contracts will range from 1 (100 shares) to a maximum of 999 contracts (99,900 shares).

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The premium will be the per share premuim price of the option. For example, if an option has a Strike Price of 280 and a premium of \$28.50 per share (total dollar value of premium \$2,850), the premium price will be 28 1/2.

<u>TICKER FORMAT</u> (SYMBOL)(DATE)(STRIKE PRICE)(EXCHANGE IDENTIFIER) CODE (# OF CONTRACTS) s (PREMIUM)

Example #1

Stock:	IBM ·	Number of Contracts:	3	
Contract Date:	October	Premium Price:	\$35.50	
	IBMDA&A 3s35	1/2		

Example #2

	Stock:	EXXON	Number of Contracts:	18
•	Contract Date:	January	Premium Price:	\$15.125

XCNAA&C 18s15 1/8

"Example #3" (same contract date as #2, but different strike price)

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Stock:	EXXON	Number of Contracts:	18 .
Contract Date:	January	Premium Price:	\$18.00

XONAB&A 18s18

Example #4 (multiple trade)

Stock: - Contract Date:	EXXON Number of Contracts January Premium Price:	
	XONAA&C 10s17 1/4 15s17 1/2	
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CORRECTION MESSAGE FORMAT

Prefix Code

<u>Note:</u> All Amex corrections will be preceded by the word "ABOUT" followed by the time of the incorrect transaction. e.g. ABOUT

10:30

Definition

Cancel a previously reported transaction other CNCLD than the last report for the particular option. Example: CNCLD.RCACA&A 2s25 CNCLD.LAST Cancel the last reported transaction for the particular option. Example: CNCLD.LAST.RCACA&C 2s25 Suffix Code Transaction is being reported late but in the SLD.LAST correct sequence. RCACA&A.SLD.LAST Example: 2s25 Transaction is being reported late and out of SLD sequence. Example: RCACA&C.SLD 2s23 Transaction is the opening trade and is being OPD

transaction is the opening trade and is being transmitted late or out of sequence. This will replace existing CEOE prefix codes OPEN and OPNL.

Example: RCACA&A.OPD 2s2¹/₂

REOP

Transaction represents a reopening of an option in which trading previously had been halted.

Example: RCACA&C.REOP 2s2¹/₂

AJST (will not be used by Amex) Transaction is an option for which the terms have recently been adjusted to reflect a stock split or similar event. This will replace existing CBCE prefix code AJCT

Example: RCACA&C.AJST

CORRECTION MESSAGE FORMAT (continued...)

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SPRD (will not be Transaction represents a spread trade of two used by Amex) options in the same option class. This will replace existing CBOE prefix code SPRD.

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DELETION MODE

Option trades will not be subject to deletion modes. Option transactions will be printed in full at all times.

OPTION OUOTES

Option Quotes (bid-asked prices) will not be transmitted over the Last Sale Ticker.

TEXT MESSAGES

Periodically, administrative messages will be transmitted over the last sale ticker to inform the investment community of news items or factors which may influence trading on Amex or CBOE securities, or to announce current information about listed options.

These announcements will nct require any editing, validating or computer processing. When transmitted, these messages will be preceded by 5 upper line dots and the words "AMEX.TEXT" for messages originating from the Amex and the words "CEOE.TEXT" for messages from the CEOE. The message will end with 5 lower line dots.

Certain announcement messages will appear with regularity. These messages include:

- . Addition or deletion of option classes,
- . Stock split and ex-dividend announcements,
- . Start/end of day messages.

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SPECIFICATION FOR THE OPRA VENDOR OPTION LINES

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Options Price Reporting Authority

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December 21, 1974

SCOPE

This specification describes the functional requirements of the Options Price Reporting Authority vendor option lines for last sale price reporting.

The purpose of this document is to provide sufficient information to the users of either the Amex or CBOE's option vendor lines to enable them to utilize these lines for computer processing.

This specification was prepared by the Options Price Reporting Authority, a composite of the Amex vendor line specification dated August 8, 1974 and the CBOE specification dated May 15, 1974 with corrections to the issue of November 5, 1974.

LINE CHARACTERISTICS

The Vendor Option Line transmits information in five level Baudot Code with one (1) start bit, five (5) intelligence bits and one and one half (1.5) stop bits.

Data is transmitted over the Amex line at a rate of 75 baud (10 characters/second, 600 characters/minute).

CBOE data is transmitted at a rate of 110 baud (15 characters/second, 900 characters/minute) and will be increased to 220 baud (30 characters/second, 1800 characters/minute).

The data may be routed to various devices including a Model 28 teletypewriter (receiving devices will not be expected to unshift on space).

VENDOR OPTION LINES OUTPUTS

There are four major types of messages that may appear on the Vendor Option Lines:

1. Last sale option transactions

2. Corrections

 Bid/Ask quotations (OPRA has no authority over quotes; contact the individual exchanges)

- C:: . .
- 4. Text announcements

All messages will contain the same start-of-message (letters shift) and end-of-message (figures h) character codes.

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