SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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NOTICE OF FILING AND IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE BY PACIFIC SECURITIES DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

File No. SR-PSDTC-83-3

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), 15 U.S.C. §78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on April 19, 1983, the Pacific Securities Depository Trust Company ("PSDTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described herein. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

The proposed rule change would permit PSDTC to make bonds with a face value of less than \$1,000 ("Small Bonds") ineligible for deposit at PSDTC. PSDTC submitted the proposal because PSDTC believes that some transfer agents' treatment of Small Bonds makes it difficult for PSDTC to satisfy participants' needs promptly. The proposal would permit PSDTC to withdraw Small Bonds from its inventory and return them to the appropriate participants to the extent that PSDTC can obtain suitably denominated Small Bonds. Any remaining positions would be carried in Pacific Clearing Corporation's ("PCC") settlement records. Trading in Small Bonds, however, would continue at the Pacific Stock Exchange and trades would be settled through PCC's continuous net settlement system. PSDTC explains that participants would settle their Small Bond obligations by netting away any residual Small Bond positions appearing on PCC's settlement records or by delivering physical securities. Accordingly, PSDTC anticipates that all uncertificated positions ultimately would be eliminated since (i) settlement activity would reduce some positions to zero; (ii) settlement activity would increase some positions to amounts for which certificates are available; or (iii) the physical delivery of Small Bond certificates to PCC would permit PCC to redeliver those certificates to PCC participants with uncertificated long positions, thereby eliminating them from PCC's system. PSDTC states that the proposal is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) because it facilitates the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the submission within 21 days after the date of publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>. Persons desiring to make written comments should file six copies thereof with the Secretary of the Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Reference should be made to File No. SR-PSDTC-83-3.

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change which are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those which may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. §552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Copies of the filing and of any subsequent amendments also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the above-mentioned self-regulatory organization.

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

George A. Fitzsimmons Secretary

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

A rule change filed by the Pacific Securities Depository Trust Company ("PSDTC"), pursuant to Rule 19b-4, (SR-PSDTC-83-3) has become effective in accordance with Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The proposal permits PSDTC to make bonds with a face value of less than \$1,000 ineligible for deposit. PSDTC submitted the proposal because it believes that some transfer agents are unwilling to transfer "such bonds, making it difficult for PSDTC to satisfy participants" needs.

Publication of a notice describing the proposal is expected to be made in the <u>Federal Register</u> during the week of May 23, 1983. (Release No. 34-19802)