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Richard C. Strasser Assistant Director Division of Market Regulation Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549 Mail Stop 10-1

Re: File No. SR-NASD-99-21 - Creation of a Separate Subsidiary to Administer Dispute Resolution Programs - Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Strasser:

NASD Regulation, Inc. grants an extension of time for Securities and Exchange Commission action on the referenced rule filing until September 10, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 728-6959; e-mail: jean.feeney@nasd.com.

Very truly yours,

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