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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-99-05**, Rule 2520 (Margin Rules) Relating to Margin for Exempted Borrowers, Good Faith Accounts, Joint Back Office Arrangements and Options Transactions - Extension of Time of Commission Action

Dear Mr. Strasser:

NASD Regulation hereby extends the time for Commission action on the referenced rule filing to October 18, 1999.

Very truly yours,

Elliott R. Curzon Assistant General Counsel

cc: Anitra Cassass