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Via Courier and Facsimile

Katherine A. England
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Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-1001

Re: **File No. SR-NASD-2003-157 – Permanent Approval of Fees for the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (TRACE)**

Dear Ms. England:

NASD hereby extends the time for Securities and Exchange Commission action on the above-referenced rule filing to December 22, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact Kosha Dalal (202) 728-6903; e-mail: kosha.dalal@nasd.com. The fax number of the Office of General Counsel is (202) 728-8264.

Very truly yours,

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