

system³ phase-in date. PCX Plus is the Exchange's electronic order delivery, execution and reporting system for designated option issues through which orders and Quotes with Size⁴ are consolidated for execution and/or display. The trading system includes an electronic communications network that enables registered Market Makers to enter orders/Quotes with Size and execute transactions from remote locations or the trading floor. As proposed, the Exchange seeks to extend the date by which it expects to have PCX Plus completely operative and applicable to all options issues from June 30, 2004 until December 31, 2004. The Exchange represents that this extension is warranted in order to afford the PCX sufficient time to address any capacity issues the system may have as a result of phasing in issues currently traded on the Exchange and adding new issues to be traded on the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁵ of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),⁶ in particular, in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to enhance competition and to protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition that is not necessary in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(3) of Rule 19b-4⁸

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47838 (May 13, 2003), 68 FR 27129 (May 19, 2003) (order approving PCX Plus).

⁴ See PCX Rule 6.1(b)(33) (definition of Quotes with Size).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

thereunder because it is concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange. 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-PCX 2004-57 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX 2004-57. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make

available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX 2004-57 and should be submitted on or before July 27, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3588]

State of Louisiana; Amendment #1

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective June 24, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Jefferson Davis Parish as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding occurring on May 12 through May 19, 2004.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous parishes of Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Cameron in the State of Louisiana may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary parishes have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 9, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is March 8, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Notice; Small Business Administration Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).