

orders individually), thus providing more efficient executions and ensuring that the specialist may maintain a fair and orderly market when such orders become due for execution.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that Book Sweep helps provide faster executions for investors, while reducing the burden on the Exchange's specialists with respect to the manual execution of booked orders.

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.

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

No written comments were solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

(i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;

(ii) Impose any significant burden on competition; and

(iii) Become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁹ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement and the 30-day operative delay. The Commission

believes waiving the five-day pre-filing notice and the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Such waivers will allow the Book Sweep feature to operate without interruption until the earlier of July 1, 2004 or Commission approval of the Book Sweep feature on a permanent basis. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.²⁰

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: *rule-comments@sec.gov*. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2004-21. 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, comments should be sent in hard copy or by e-mail but not by both methods. 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 Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2004-21 and should be submitted by April 20, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4642]

Notice of Meeting; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee Meeting—Radiocommunication Sector (ITAC-R)

The Department of State announces meetings of the ITAC-R. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on matters related to telecommunication and information policy matters in preparation for international meetings pertaining to telecommunication and information issues.

The ITAC-R will meet to discuss the matters related to the meeting of the ITU Council's Ad Hoc Group on Cost Recovery for Satellite Network Filings that will take place 4-6 May 2004 in Geneva, Switzerland. ITAC-R meetings will be convened on 13 April, and 27 April from 1:30 to 4 pm in Room 6 B 516 at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is located at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Members of the public will be admitted to the extent that seating is available and may join in the discussions subject to the instructions of the Chair. Entrance to the FCC is controlled. Persons planning to attend the meeting should arrive early enough to complete the entry procedure. One of the following current photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the FCC: U.S. driver's license with your photo on it, U.S. passport, or U.S. Government identification. For further information on these meetings, please contact Douglas Spalt, International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State at (202) 647-0200.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Douglas R. Spalt,

International Telecommunications and Information Policy, Department of State.

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ACTION: Notice.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²⁰ For purposes only of waiving the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).