

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53315; File No. SR-PCX-2006-09]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Pacific Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Extending the SizeQuote Mechanism Pilot Program for a Period of One Year

February 15, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 6, 2006, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by PCX. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

PCX proposes to amend its rules in order to extend the SizeQuote Mechanism Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") contained in PCX Rule 6.47(g), for a one-year period ending February 15, 2007. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.pacificex.com>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the Commission.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the PCX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to extend for one year the Exchange's SizeQuote Mechanism Pilot Program ("Pilot Program"). The current Pilot Program, established when the PCX filed SR-PCX-2005-35,<sup>5</sup> was effective upon filing, and expires on February 15, 2006. At the time SR-PCX-2005-35 was filed, the Exchange represented that at the completion of the Pilot Program the PCX would provide to the Commission a report summarizing the effectiveness of the SizeQuote program. While the Exchange believes that the SizeQuote Mechanism can be an effective tool for Floor Brokers to use while executing large size orders in open outcry, the mechanism has not been used frequently enough to supply sufficient evidence to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program. In order to allow for additional time to compile sufficient evidence as to the effectiveness of the Pilot Program, the PCX proposes to extend the Pilot Program for a one-year period ending February 15, 2007. At the end of the extended Pilot Program the PCX feels it will be able to supply the Commission with a report summarizing the effectiveness of the program.

##### 2. Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, to promote just and equitable principles of trade 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 burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate 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

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 Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>9</sup> 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 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.

A proposed rule change filed under section 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of its filing.<sup>10</sup> Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.<sup>11</sup> PCX has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest so that the Pilot Program may continue until February 15, 2007 without interruption.<sup>12</sup>

#### 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:

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). Pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act, the Exchange is required to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Commission notes that the Exchange provided notice of the filing at least five business days prior to the date of filing.

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51576 (April 19, 2005), 70 FR 21488 (April 26, 2005).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

*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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-PCX-2006-09 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX-2006-09. 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, 100 F Street, NE., 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-2006-09 and should be submitted on or before March 16, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #10299 and #10300]**

**Connecticut Disaster Number CT-00002**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Administrative declaration of a major disaster for the State of Connecticut, dated 12/21/2005.

*Incident:* Severe Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 10/14/2005 through 10/15/2005.

*Effective Date:* 02/13/2006.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/23/2006.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/21/2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, National Processing And Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of an Administrative declaration for the State of Connecticut, dated 12/21/2005, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 03/23/2006.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 13, 2006.

**Hector V. Barreto,**

*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 5267]**

**Notice of Renewal for the Charter of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Leadership and Management Under the Name of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the general authority of the Secretary and the Department of State, as derived from the President's constitutional authority and as set forth in sections 2656 and 2651a

of Title 22 of the United States Code and other relevant statutes, this notice announces the renewal of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Leadership and Management and amends the title as the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy.

The Advisory Committee was created as a vehicle to address leadership and management issues pertaining to transformational diplomacy as they arise and not in response to a specific issue or pending concern. Members of the Advisory Committee may include former senior U.S. government officials and members of Congress and representatives of corporations, not-for-profit non-governmental organizations, professional associations, public policy or academic institutions, and other experts as needed. All meetings of this Committee will be published ahead of time in the **Federal Register**.

Additionally, the establishment of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy is essential to the conduct of Department of State business, and is in the public interest. Further information regarding this committee may be obtained from Madelyn S. Marchessault, Office of Management Policy, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, phone (202) 647-1068.

Dated: February 7, 2006.

**Marguerite Coffey,**

*Acting Director, Office of Management Policy, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 5306]**

**Meeting of Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy**

The Department of State announces the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP) to be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Loy Henderson Auditorium of the Harry S. Truman Building of the U.S. Department of State. The Truman Building is located at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

The committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).