

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The proposed rule change has been filed by NASD as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act<sup>13</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,<sup>14</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.

At any time within 60 days of this filing, the Commission may summarily abrogate this proposal 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 proposal 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-NASD-2003-197. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hardcopy 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 NASD. All submissions should refer to file number

SR-NASD-2003-197 and should be submitted by February 3, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3559]**

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Amendment #3**

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective December 19, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include the municipalities of Aibonito and Naranjito as disaster areas due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides beginning on November 10, 2003 and continuing through November 23, 2003.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous municipalities of Barranquitas, Cidra, Comerio, and Corozal may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other municipalities contiguous to the above named primary municipalities have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 20, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is August 23, 2004.

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

Dated: December 22, 2003.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority**

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is given that

Subchapter S2R, the Office of Central Operations, is being amended to reflect the realignment of the Center for Management Support and the Center for Human Resources into one center; *i.e.*, the Center for Human Resources. The new material and changes are as follows:

*Section S2R.10 The Office of Central Operations—(Organization):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (S2R).

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management Operations and Support (S2RC).

Delete:  
b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2).

Reletter:  
“c” to “b”;  
“d” to “c”;  
“e” to “d”;  
“f” to “e”.

*Section S2R.20 The Office of Central Operations—(Functions):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, OCO (S2R) provides internal operations and management support and assistance to the Associate Commissioner and all OCO components.

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC) is responsible for the direction of six centers which perform systems, management, program, material resources, personnel management services, and security and integrity support functions for OCO.

Delete: “six” prior to the word “centers”.

Add: five  
b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2):

Delete: b in its entirety.

Reletter:  
“c” to “b”;  
“d” to “c”;  
“e” to “d”;  
“f” to “e”.

d. The Center for Human Resources (S2RC5): Add: 14. In the area of Labor Management and Employee Relations: Maintain responsibility for all aspects of the mid-term and impact and implementation bargaining process that pertain only to OCO; process grievances through all steps of the grievance procedure; in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, represent OCO managers at all stages of the arbitration process, including the preparation of position papers and briefs; and process all aspects of systems violations in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Human Resources and the Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).