

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47430; File No. SR-PCX-2002-09]

Self Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. To Confer or Delegate Jurisdiction for Certain Auto-Ex Determinations From the Options Floor Trading Committee to Two Floor Officials

March 3, 2003.

On February 11, 2002, pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX") filed a proposed rule change with the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend PCX Rule 6.87 to confer or delegate jurisdiction for making certain day-to-day decisions with respect to the PCX's Automatic Execution System ("Auto-Ex") from the PCX's Options Floor Trading Committee ("OFTC") to two floor officials. On December 31, 2002, the PCX filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, which replaced the original filing in its entirety. The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2003.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will enhance efficiency because it will allow the PCX the flexibility to grant exemptive relief and to make *ad hoc* decisions with respect to certain Auto-Ex matters without convening the full OFTC. The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, particularly Section 6 of the Act⁴ and the rules and regulations thereunder.⁵

The Commission also finds that the proposed rule change will promote just and equitable principles of trade consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.⁶

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-PCX-2002-09) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

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Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9U34]

State of Rhode Island (And Contiguous Counties in Connecticut)

Kent County and the contiguous counties of Bristol, Newport, Providence and Washington in the State of Rhode Island; and New London and Windham Counties in the State of Connecticut constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on February 20, 2003 in West Warwick, Rhode Island. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on *December 3, 2003* at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.189 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9U3400 for Rhode Island; and 9U3500 for Connecticut.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region 1—Maine District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region 1 Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, Maine will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. April 8, 2003 at 68 Sewall Street, Room 510, Augusta, Maine to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 68 Sewall Street, Room 512, Augusta, Maine 04330, by e-mail or fax at *mary.mcaleney@sba.gov* or (207) 622-8277. Fax no later than Friday, March 14, 2003. For more information please contact Mary McAleney at (207) 622-8386.

Candace Stoltz,

Director Advisory Councils.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Teleconferences

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of teleconferences.

DATES: Wednesday, March 19, 2003 and Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

Teleconferences: Wednesday, March 19, 2003, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time and Wednesday, March 26, 2003, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time.

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Conference

Call-in number: 877-546-1568.

Pass code: PANEL.

Leader/Host: Sarah Wiggins Mitchell.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: These teleconference meetings are open to the public. The interested public is invited to participate by calling into the teleconference at the number listed above. Public testimony will not be taken.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces these teleconference meetings of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47165 (January 10, 2003), 68 FR 2612 (January 17, 2003).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).