

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).

Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the President, the Congress and the Commissioner of SSA on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA). The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Agenda: The Panel will deliberate on the implementation of TWWIIA and conduct Panel business. The Panel will be discussing its Annual Report to Congress and follow up items from their February Quarterly meeting, including a discussion of SSA's plan for improving its employment support infrastructure.

The agenda for the meetings will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel/> one week prior to the teleconference or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, Social Security Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024;
- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358-6430;
- Fax at (202) 358-6440; or
- E-mail to TWWIIAPanel@ssa.gov

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Carol Brenner,

Designated Federal Officer.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Proposed Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, plans to request approval from the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of two previously approved information collections: (1) Form OSC-11, Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited Activity; and (2) Form OSC-12, Disclosure of Information. Both forms to be submitted include minor technical edits previously approved by OMB; form OSC-11 (complaint form) also includes revisions to three consent statements in the form. These collections of information are described in OSC regulations at 5 CFR 1800.1 and 1800.2. The current OMB approval for these collections of information expires on August 31, 2003.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, and the general public are invited to comment on these information collections. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of OSC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before May 9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Kathryn Stackhouse, Legal Counsel and Policy Division, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Stackhouse, Legal Counsel and Policy Division, at the address shown above; by telephone at (202) 653-8971; or by facsimile at (202) 653-5151. The collections of information to be submitted to OMB will be available for review on OSC's Web site (at <http://www.osc.gov>) as of the date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comment is requested on the following two collections of information:

1. Title of Collection: Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel or Other Prohibited Activity (Agency Form Number: OSC-11; OMB Control Number 3255-0002)

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2003. The proposed information collection format includes changes as follows: (1) minor technical edits previously approved by OMB

since the last formal clearance under the PRA; and (2) minor revisions to three consent statements in part 3 of form OSC-11 (complaint form), to make the scope and/or meaning of the statements clearer.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1771.

Frequency: On occasion.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2214 hours.

Abstract: The complaint form is required for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment, under 5 CFR 1800.1, to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC, except for allegations involving the Hatch Act, which may be submitted by providing the information described at 5 CFR 1800.1. Currently the complaint form is available by contacting OSC at 800-872-9855, or from OSC's Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>. The form may be printed from the web site, filled out, signed, and then mailed or faxed to OSC's Complaints Examining Unit. By October 21, 2003, OSC plans to provide the capability to electronically file a complaint form, pursuant to the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Pub. L. 105-277.

2. Title of Collection: Disclosure of Information (Agency Form Number: OSC-12; OMB Control Number 3255-0002).

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2003. The proposed information collection format includes minor modifications to the existing forms made since the last formal clearance under the PRA.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 475.

Frequency: On occasion.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 475 hours.

Abstract: This optional whistleblower disclosure form, and the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.2, are for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment