

Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-98-63 and should be submitted by February 26, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3153]**

**State of Tennessee**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 19, 1999, and an amendment thereto on January 23, I find that Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Dickson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Humphreys, Lauderdale, Madison, Maury, Montgomery, and Perry Counties in the State of Tennessee constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and high winds beginning on January 18, 1999 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on March 19, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on October 19, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:  
U.S. Small Business Administration,  
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Cheatham,

Chester, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Giles, Hardin, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, McNairy, Robertson, Stewart, Tipton, Wayne, Weakley, and Williamson Counties in Tennessee; Mississippi County, Arkansas; Christian and Todd Counties in Kentucky; and Alcorn, Benton, and Tippah Counties in Mississippi.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	6.375
HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	3.188
BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	8.000
BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	4.000
OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	4.000%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 315311. For economic injury the numbers are 9A8300 for Tennessee, 9A8400 for Arkansas, 9A8500 for Kentucky, and 9A8600 for Mississippi.

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

Dated: January 27, 1999.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3155]**

**State of Washington (and a Contiguous County in Oregon, #3156)**

Pacific County and the contiguous counties of Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Wahkiakum in the State of Washington, and Clatsop County in the State of Oregon constitute a disaster area as a result of a hotel fire which occurred on November 5, 1998 in the Town of Raymond. Applications for loans for physical damage from this disaster may be filed until the close of business on March 29, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on October 27, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration,  
Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795  
The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	6.750
HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	3.375
BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	8.000
BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	4.000
OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damages are 315505 for Washington and 315605 for Oregon. For economic injury the numbers are 9A9600 for Washington and 9A9700 for Oregon.

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

Dated: January 27, 1999.

**Fred P. Hochberg,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**SBA Equity Partners, Inc. (License No. 05/05-0233), Notice of Surrender of License**

Notice is hereby given that SBC Equity Partners, Inc. One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, has surrendered their license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the Act). SBC Equity Partners, Inc. was licensed by Small Business Administration on February 26, 1998.

Under the authority vested by the Act and pursuant to the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the surrender was accepted on this date, and accordingly, all rights, privileges, and franchises derived therefrom have been terminated.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.11, Small Business Investment Companies)

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: January 28, 1999.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Chairs-Regional Fairness Boards 1-10 Meeting**

The Small Business Administration Chairs-Regional Fairness Board 1-10 Meeting Located in the geographical area of Chicago, IL, will hold a strategy meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 1999 at SBA National Ombudsman's Office, 500 W Madison St., Suite 1240, Chicago, IL 60661, to collect Fairness Board Chairs' comments on the 1999 draft Report To Congress, as well as to obtain recommendations and other input for the annual Report to Congress.

For further information, contact, Gary P. Peele (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Region VI—Houston District Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration—Region VI—Houston Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Houston, Texas will hold a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. The meeting will be conducted in the Conference Room at the Small Business Administration, 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77074. This meeting will be conducted to discuss such business as may be presented by members of the District Advisory Council, the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other attending.

For further information, write to Milton Wilson, Jr. District Director, at the Small Business Administration, 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77074-1591 or call (713) 773-6500.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request**

In compliance with PL. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collection packages that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding these information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of the notices.

1. *Application for Benefits Under a U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0448.* The information collected on form SSA-2490 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine a claimant's eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits under the provisions of an international social security agreement. It is also used to take an application for benefits from a foreign country under an agreement. The respondents are individuals who are applying for benefits from either the United States and/or a foreign country with which the United States has an agreement. The United States currently has 17 such agreements.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Frequency of response:* 1.

*Average Burden per response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,000 hours.

2. *0960-NEW.* Public Law 105-277 authorizes SSA to conduct a Medicare buy-in demonstration project to evaluate means to promote the Medicare buy-in programs targeted to elderly and disabled individuals under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act. A lack of awareness about the Medicare buy-in programs appears to be one of the major obstacles to enrollments. Other obstacles to enrollment include the confusion of potential eligibles as to how to apply for these programs and a

preference for dealing with SSA field offices rather than with local Medicaid offices.

SSA will screen respondents voluntarily for potential Medicare Part B buy-in eligibility using a screening guide developed for this purpose. The screening guide will collect information from SSA beneficiaries regarding income, resources, marital status and living arrangements and also ask questions about their awareness of Medicare Part B buy-in programs. SSA will gather this information to identify and overcome obstacles to Medicare Part B buy-in enrollments and to screen for potential eligibility for Medicare Part B benefits. The demonstration project ends on December 31, 1999.

*Number of Respondents:* 130,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 43,334 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on these information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after these notices.

1. *Authorization to Obtain Earnings Data from the Social Security Administration—0960-NEW.* SSA collects this information when a wage earner or a third party requests detailed earnings information pertaining to the wage earner from the Social Security Administration. The information provided on form SSA-581 is used by SSA to verify the authorization to access earnings record data and to produce an itemized statement for release to the third party named on the form. The information is provided by the wage earner and/or the third party.

*Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,000 hours.

2. *Organization Profile—0960-NEW.* The Social Security Administration (SSA) will use the information collected on the Organization Profile questionnaire to create a database of third party stakeholders. This database will support the delivery of information about Social Security programs to these interested parties, and enable SSA to target relevant information to those organizations while restricting unwanted material. The respondents are community organizations, State and