

The Commission finds that the use of the Commentary .16 methodology to set add-on margins for non-customized Cross-Rate FCOs, in lieu of the fixed four percent requirement the Exchange currently uses, potentially provides a more economically meaningful margin. The currencies involved in the non-customized Cross-Rate FCOs that the Exchange is authorized to list and trade—the British pound, Deutsche mark, and Japanese yen—are all relatively stable currencies and it is reasonable to assume that those currencies' future volatility will be linked to their past volatility. Also, the Exchange has the authority to apply a higher add-on margin than required by the Commentary .16 methodology, when appropriate.¹³ Use of the Commentary .16 methodology further would promote efficiency because the Exchange will not have to file a proposed rule change with the Commission each time Commentary .16 methodology changes the add-on margin levels.

The Commission finds good cause for approving Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register**. In Amendment No. 2, the Exchange made two general technical changes to Commentary .16 to Phlx Rule 722, by clarifying that Commentary .16 was applicable to non-customized Cross-Rate FCOs but not to customized Cross-Rate FCSs, and by clarifying that paragraph (c) of Commentary .16 focuses on currency pairs, *i.e.*, movements of currencies vis-a-vis each other. The amendment did not raise any new regulatory issues. Accordingly, the Commission believes that there is good cause to approve Amendment No. 2 to the proposal on an accelerated basis.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning Amendment No. 2, including whether the amendment 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. 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 Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-99-30 and should be submitted by March 2, 2000.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-99-30) is approved, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3232, Amdt. 2]

State of Kentucky

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated January 24, 2000, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Hancock and Henderson Counties in the State of Kentucky as a disaster area due to damages caused by tornadoes, severe storms, torrential rains, and flash flooding that occurred on January 3-4, 2000.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous County of Breckinridge, Kentucky, and Perry, Posey, and Vanderburgh Counties in Indiana may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above-named primary counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 10, 2000 and for economic injury the deadline is October 10, 2000.

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

Dated: February 2, 2000.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections 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 the 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 this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Claimant's Medications—0960-0289. The Social Security Administration (SSA) uses Form HA-4632 to request that applicants for disability benefits provide information to facilitate processing their title II, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and Title XVI, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. The form elicits from the claimants an updated list of medications used by the claimants. It enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into medical treatment the claimant is receiving and the effect of medications on the claimant's medical impairments. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 171,939.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42,985 hours.

2. Statement of Employer—0960-0030. The information collected on Form SSA-7011 is needed by SSA to substantiate allegations of wages paid to workers when those wages do not appear in SSA's records of earnings and the worker does not have proof that payment was made. This information is

¹¹ In approving this rule, the Commission has considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ See Phlx Rule 722(i)(8).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).