

price would be higher than the last sale ("Sell Order Enhancement II"). The specialist may choose to provide either or both of the Sell Order Enhancement features on a symbol-by-symbol basis to all eligible orders for all customers.

The Sell Order Enhancement features will be disengaged when the API feature is disengaged in accordance with Rule 229, Commentary .07(c)(iii).⁶ As with the API feature, specialists choosing to activate or deactivate either one or both Sell Order Enhancement features would be required to notify the Exchange one day prior to implementation. The change would be effective the next day in order to provide notice to the PACE users of the activation and make the necessary system changes.⁷ The Exchange proposes Sell Order Enhancement features in order to provide automatic price improvement to orders that were previously excluded from price improvement.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁹ in particular, in that it is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, as well as to protect investors and the public interest by providing automatic price improvement to more equity orders which should in turn enhance the speed of execution for a larger number of orders as well as provide executions at better prices.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Phlx represents that it does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the Act.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)

of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(5)¹¹ thereunder. The proposal effects a change in an existing order-entry or trading system of a self-regulatory organization that (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or availability of the system pursuant to Rule 229.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change 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 proposed rule change 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 Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-00-43 and should be submitted by July 19, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3255]

State of New Mexico; (Amendment #1)

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated June 9, 2000, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on May 5, 2000 and continuing through June 9, 2000.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is July 12, 2000 and for economic injury the deadline is February 13, 2001.

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

Dated: June 14, 2000.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Finding of No Significant Impact: City of Sumas, WA

[Public Notice 3344]

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact with regard to an application to construct, operate and maintain a pipeline to transport water across the U.S.-Canada border.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has conducted an environmental assessment of the proposed construction by the City of Sumas, Washington, of a pipeline for the transport of water crossing the international boundary near the City of Sumas, Washington. This information may be viewed upon request in the Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy at the Department of State.

Based on this information, the Department of State has concluded that issuance of a Presidential Permit authorizing construction of the pipeline will not have a significant effect on the existing vegetation and wildlife, water resources, land use, air quality and human population within the United States. In reaching this conclusion, the Department of State considered several alternatives, including a no-action alternative.

⁶ See Phlx Rule 229, Commentary .07(c)(iii)

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39548 (January 13, 1998), 63 FR 3595 (January 23, 1998).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 4321 *et seq.*, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, 40 CFR 1501.4 and 1508.13 and Department of State Regulations, 22 CFR 161.8 (C), an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PIPELINE PERMIT APPLICATION, CONTACT:

Bill Memler, Office of International Energy Policy, Room 3535, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., 20520, (202) 647-4557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Sumas is a municipality organized and chartered in the State of Washington. On October 14, 1999, the Department of State published a Notice of Application for a Presidential Permit in the **Federal Register**. No public comments were received and concerned agencies expressed no opposition to issuing the permit. A finding of no significant impact is adopted, and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Stephen Gallogly,

Director, Office of International Energy and Commodities Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3329]

United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee; Radiocommunication Sector (ITAC-R); Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee Radiocommunication Sector (ITAC-R). The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy and positions with respect to the International Telecommunication Union and international radiocommunication matters.

The ITAC-R will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 on July 6, 2000, at the Department of State in room 1205 to prepare for the next cycle of radiocommunication activities of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), taking account of the recently concluded Radiocommunication Assembly and the World Radiocommunication Conference 2000. Members of the general public may attend this meeting and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of public members will be limited to seating

available. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend ITAC-R meeting and subsequent preparatory meetings for the CPM should send an e-mail to Cheryl Williams (williamsd@state.gov) or fax to (202) 647-7407 no later than 48 hours before the meeting. The fax should include the name of the meeting (Prep for radiocommunications activities of ITU and CITEL), date of the meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth, and organization. One of the following will be required for admission. U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, or U.S. Government identification card. Enter from the C Street Entrance; in view of escorting requirement, non-government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

Dated: June 21, 2000.

Brian Ramsay,

ITAC-R National Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on Environmental Review of Proposed United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement

ACTION: Notice of initiation of environmental review and request for comments on scope of review.

SUMMARY: This publication gives notice that pursuant to Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169) the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review of the proposed United States-Jordan free trade agreement notified in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2000 (65 FR 37594). The TPSC is requesting written comments from the public on what should be included in the scope of the review, including the potential environmental effects that might flow from the free trade agreement and the potential implications for out environmental laws and regulations. Persons submitting written comments should provide as much detail as possible on the degree to which the subject matter they propose for inclusion in the review may raise significant environmental issues in the context of the negotiation. Jordan has indicated that it plans to perform its own environmental review of the free trade agreement, a process the U.S. Agency for International Development is

prepared to support with technical assistance if requested by the government of Jordan.

DATES: Comments about the scope of the review should be submitted on or before July 17, 2000 to be assured of timely consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508 (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding the review should be addressed to Mary Latimer, Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the USTR (202) 395-7230 or Adam Shub, Director for Middle Eastern Affairs, Office of the USTR (202) 395-3320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2000, President Clinton agreed with Jordan's King Abdullah II to negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement. In the negotiations, the United States and Jordan will seek to eliminate duties and commercial barriers to bilateral trade in U.S.- and Jordanian-origin goods and also expect to address trade in services, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, trade-related environmental and labor matters, and other issues. The TPSC requested written comments from the public to assist USTR in formulating negotiating objectives for the agreement in the Federal Register on June 15, 2000 (65 FR 37594).

USTR has requested that the U.S. International Trade Commission conduct a detailed study of the potential economic impacts of the free trade agreement on the United States. Two-way trade in goods between the United States and Jordan totaled \$307 million in 1999, consisting of \$276 million in U.S. exports to Jordan and \$31 million in Jordanian exports to the United States. Jordan's top exports to the United States in 1999 were aircraft and aircraft parts sent to the United States for repair, jewelry made of precious metals, apparel including mens and boys suits, capets, and antiques over 100 years old. Top U.S. exports to Jordan in 1999 were wheat, aircraft parts, rice, and corn.

Written Comments

Persons submitting written comments should provide twenty (20) copies no later than noon July 17, 2000, to Gloria Blue at the address listed above. Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be