

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 Amex. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-Amex-2001-04 and should be submitted by June 13, 2001.

#### IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and in particular, the requirements of section 6(b)(5) of the Act.<sup>9</sup> Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposal to provide an alternate eligibility criteria for Component Securities received as part of a distribution or as a result of a merger, consolidation, corporate combination or other event to remain in the trust will prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, facilitate transactions in securities, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.<sup>10</sup>

The Amex has requested that the proposed rule change be given accelerated approval pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act.<sup>11</sup>

The Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of the notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 19(b)(2).<sup>12</sup> There are TIRs currently listed and trading that have adopted the revised distribution provisions and such distributed or exchange securities may have or will shortly become Component Securities in

one or more trusts issuing TIRs. Accordingly, the Commission finds that it is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>13</sup> to approve the proposal on an accelerated basis to accommodate such possibility.

*It Is Therefore Ordered*, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>14</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-Amex-2001-04) and Amendment No. 1 are hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Reporting Requirements Submitted for OMB Review.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 22, 2001. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

*Copies:* Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

*Title:* Other funding under the SBDC Umbrella.

*No:* 2186.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* SBA Business Development Centers.

*Annual Responses:* 58.

*Annual Burden:* 29.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

##### Office of the Commissioner; Benefit Adjustments Pursuant to Public Law 106-554

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pub. L. 106-554 authorizes Federal agencies to compensate beneficiaries, to the extent practicable and feasible, for any shortfall in benefits that may have been caused by an error that affected the Consumer Price Index starting in 1999. This index, produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor, was slightly understated for certain months in 1999. Pursuant to Pub. L. 106-554, the Commissioner has determined that some recipients of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits did experience a shortfall in payments in 2000 and 2001 due to the Consumer Price Index error. This is because the 2.4-percent cost-of-living increase, promulgated in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 1999, would have been 2.5 percent in the absence of the 1999 Consumer Price Index error.

Accordingly, the Commissioner has proposed, and the Office of Management and Budget has approved, a plan for making the appropriate compensation payments under Pub. L. 106-554. By August 1, 2001, we will make a one-time payment that compensates for the entire shortfall experienced in months prior to August 2001. Benefits paid in August 2001 and later will be adjusted as if the Consumer Price Index error had not occurred. In this notice we are announcing the appropriate bases and formulas we will use to compute benefits to be paid in August 2001 and thereafter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey L. Kunkel, Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3013.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>10</sup> 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).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).