

On September 11, 2000, the Commission issued an order⁷ that requires four of the five options exchanges, including the Phlx to adopt new, or amend existing, rules to include any practice or procedure, not currently authorized by rule, whereby market makers determine by agreement the spreads or option prices at which they will trade any option, or the allocation of orders in that option.⁸ The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is responsive to, and compliant with, the Order.

III. Discussion

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.⁹ Specifically, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁰ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market by clarifying that quotes on the Exchange are deemed to be the quotes for all ROTs in the crowd unless the ROT vocalizes a different quote.¹¹ Further, the Commission believes that this requirement is consistent with the Quote Rule¹² that is now applicable to the options exchanges, including the Phlx.¹³ Under the proposed rule change, ROTs would be required to execute orders at the disseminated price, unless the ROT vocalized a different quote in a clear and audible manner with sufficient time for the specialist to update the quote, if necessary. The Commission notes that an ROT that believes that he or she has been unfairly

allocated a portion of an order may challenge the allocation pursuant to Phlx Rule 124. The Commission believes that these procedures are reasonable and should permit the Exchange to function smoothly.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-2001-26) is approved.

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

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Mary Sprague, Financial Specialist, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Sprague, Financial Specialist, (202) 205-7536 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, (202) 205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transaction Report on Loans Serviced by Lenders.

Form No: 172.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Administration Participating Lenders.

Annual Responses: 25,284.

Annual Burden: 4,214.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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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 August 17, 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, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Pool of Guaranteed Internet Certificates.

Form No: 1454.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: SBA Loan Pool Assemblers.

Annual Responses: 475.

Annual Burden: 1,425.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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⁷ See Order Instituting Public Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 19(h)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43268 (September 11, 2000) ("Order").

⁸ See Section IV.B.j. of the Order.

⁹ In approving the proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹¹ In approving this proposal, the Commission is not making any finding regarding the method by which quotes on the Exchange are derived in the first place.

¹² 17 CFR 240.11Ac1-1.

¹³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44383 (June 1, 2001), 66 FR 30959 (June 8, 2001).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).