

prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to raise revenue for the Exchange by charging a \$.45 transaction charge for off-floor broker-dealer orders that are delivered via AUTOM and executed automatically via AUTO-X.

Currently, the Exchange charges a fee of \$.35 per contract for all off-floor broker-dealer transactions, regardless of how such an order is executed. The \$.35 charge will continue to apply to off-floor broker-dealer orders not executed by AUTO-X.

The \$.35 charge for non-AUTO-X transactions and the \$.45 charge for AUTO-X transactions apply to members for orders, received from other than the floor of the Exchange, for any account (i) in which the holder of beneficial interest is a member or non-member broker-dealer or (ii) in which the holder of beneficial interest is a person associated with or employed by a member or non-member broker-dealer. Accordingly, an order for the account of an ROT entered from off-floor would be subject to one of the two charges.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its schedule of dues, fees and charges is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁶ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members relating to the automatic execution of off-floor broker-dealer orders.

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

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁸ thereunder. Accordingly, the proposal will take effect upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such 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-2002-78 and should be submitted by January 28, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 24, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 6, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service

OMB Number: 1545-1681.

Form Number: IRS Form A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Qualifications & Availability Form.

Description: Form A is used by external applicants applying for clerical and technical positions with the Internal Revenue Service. Applicants will complete information relating to their address, job preference, veteran's preference and a series of occupational questions, knowledge and skills along with background information.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 45,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1685.

Regulation Project Number: REG-103735-00 NPRM and Temporary.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tax Shelter Disclosure Statements.

Description: The regulations provide guidance on the filing requirement under section 6011 for certain corporate taxpayers engaged in transactions producing tax savings in excess of certain dollar thresholds.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78ff(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78ff(b)(4).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 1 hour.

OMB Number: 1545-1686.

Regulation Project Number: REG-103736-00 NPRM and Temporary.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Requirement to Maintain List of Investors in Potentially Abusive Tax Shelters.

Description: The regulations provide guidance on the requirement under section 6112 to maintain a list of investors in potentially abusive tax shelters.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individual or household.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 150.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 100 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 15,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1687.

Regulation Project Number: REG-110311-98 NPRM and Temporary.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Corporate Tax Shelter Registration.

Description: The regulations provide the guidance required to activate the registration requirements of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6111 and penalty provisions of IRC section 6707 for confidential corporate tax shelters described in IRC section 6111(d).

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1 hour.

Clearance Officer: Glenn Kirkland (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr. (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that

the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet January 21-23, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 230, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to healthcare, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by the VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On January 21, the agenda topics for this meeting will include briefings and updates on the Women Veterans Health Program, the National Survey of Veterans, Board of Veterans Appeals issues, legislative issues affecting women veterans, community-based outpatients clinics, and the National Women Veterans Study. On January 22, the Committee will be briefed on Committee requirements, compensation and pension benefits, VA-funded research on women veterans, the status of the VA Homeless Program and related issues that the Committee members may choose to introduce. On January 23, discussions will include briefings regarding the VA Domiciliary Programs and the 8 Comprehensive Women Veterans Health Centers. The Committee is tentatively scheduled for a briefing on Capitol Hill and from the Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Maryanne Carson, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Carson may be contacted either by phone at (202) 273-6193, fax at (202) 273-7093 or e-mail at 00W@mail.va.gov. Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written form, may be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Allowance for Private Purchase of an Outer Burial Receptacle in Lieu of a Government-Furnished Graveliner for a Grave in a VA National Cemetery

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public Law 104-275 was enacted on October 9, 1996. It allowed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a monetary allowance towards the private purchase of an outer burial receptacle for use in a VA national cemetery. Under VA regulation (38 CFR 1.629), the allowance is equal to the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners minus any administrative costs to VA. The law continues to provide a veteran's survivors with the option of selecting a Government-furnished graveliner for use in a VA national cemetery where such use is authorized.

The purpose of this Notice is to notify interested parties of the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners, administrative costs that relate to processing a claim, and the amount of the allowance payable for qualifying interments that occur during calendar year 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Barber, Program Analyst, Legislation and Regulatory Division (402B3), National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: 202-273-5183 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and Pub. L. 104-275, Section 213, VA may provide a monetary allowance for the private purchase of an outer burial receptacle for use in a VA national cemetery where its use is authorized. The allowance for qualified interments that occur during calendar year 2003 is the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners in fiscal year 2002, less the administrative costs incurred by VA in processing and paying the allowance in lieu of the Government-furnished graveliner.

The average cost of Government-furnished graveliners is determined by taking VA's total cost during a fiscal year for single-depth graveliners that were procured for placement at the time of interment and dividing it by the total number of such graveliners procured by VA during that fiscal year. The calculation excludes both graveliners procured and pre-placed in gravesites as part of cemetery gravesite development