investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the pilot to continue without interruption. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.[11]

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 Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR–CSE–2003–03 and should be submitted by April 25, 2003.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[11] For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[12] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional ''peg'' rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.500 (4½) percent for the April–June quarter of FY 2003.

LeAnn M. Oliver,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Roundtable; Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Roundtable on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the State Chamber at 330 NE., 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, to provide small business owners and representatives of trade associations with an opportunity to share information concerning the federal regulatory enforcement and compliance environment.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Darla Booker in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Darla Booker, U.S. Small Business Administration, Oklahoma District Office, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, phone (405) 231–5521 Ext. 243, fax (405) 231–4876, e-mail: *Darla.Booker@sba.gov.*

For more information, *see* our Web site at *http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman.*

Dated: March 31, 2003

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, Fincher Building Gallery, 6212 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75205, to receive comments and testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by Federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Glenda Schufford in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Glenda Schufford, U.S. Small Business Administration, Dallas/Fort Worth District Office, 4300 Amon Carter Boulevard, Suite 114, Fort Worth, TX 76155, phone (817) 684–5500 Ext. 5526, fax (817) 684–5543, e-mail *Glenda.Schufford@sba.gov.*

For more information, *see* our Web site at *http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman.*

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority 255]

Delegation by the Deputy Secretary of State to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs of All Authorities Normally Vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, including the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 245 (April 23, 2001), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, including all authorities vested in the Secretary that have been delegated to that Under Secretary by Delegation of Authority No. 234 (October 1, 1999), or that may be delegated or re-delegated to that Under Secretary.

Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of State.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall enter into effect on March 29, 2003, and shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a new Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

Any re-delegation of authority by the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy