

time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The PCX has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement and the 30-day operative delay.

The Commission believes that waiving the five-day pre-filing provision and the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.⁹ Waiving the pre-filing requirement and accelerating the operative date will provide investors increased liquidity. Further, the Commission notes that on January 21, 2003 it approved a similar proposed rule change submitted by the International Securities Exchange, Inc. ("ISE"), which requires ISE quotations to be firm for published sizes for all orders entered by ISE members regardless of whether the orders are for the accounts of customers or broker-dealers.¹⁰ For these reasons, the Commission designates that the proposed rule change has become effective and operative immediately.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 Exchange 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 PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2003-12 and should be submitted by April 29, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9U63]

State of Florida (And Contiguous Counties in Alabama)

Bay, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Dade, Duval, Franklin, Gulf, Hillsborough, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Taylor Counties and the contiguous counties of Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Escambia, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Indian River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton and Washington in the State of Florida; and Covington and Escambia counties in the State of Alabama constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of freezing temperatures beginning November 2002 and continuing through February 2003. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on January 2, 2004, at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.324 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9U6300 for Florida; and 9U6400 for Alabama.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: April 2, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3484]

State of Georgia

Mitchell County and the contiguous counties of Baker, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Grady, Thomas and Worth in the State of Georgia constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on March 20, 2003.

Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 30, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 31, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Homeowners with credit available elsewhere—5.875%
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere—2.937%
Businesses with credit available elsewhere—6.378%
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere—3.189%
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere—5.500%

For Economic Injury

Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere—3.189%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 348412 and for economic damage is 9U5700.

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

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3482]

State of Kentucky (Amendment #1)

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective March 27, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Anderson, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Knox, Lawrence, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Morgan, Nicholas, Powell, Rowan, and Woodford Counties in the

⁹ For purposes of accelerating the operative date of this proposal only, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47220, 68 FR 4260 (January 28, 2003) (ISE-2002-24).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

State of Kentucky as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe winter ice and snow storms, heavy rain, flooding, tornadoes, and mud and rock slides occurring on February 15 through February 26, 2003.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Bath, Bracken, Franklin, Harrison, Laurel, Mercer, Nelson, Robertson, Shelby, Spencer, Washington, and Whitley in the State of Kentucky and Brown County in the State of Ohio may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is May 13, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is December 15, 2003.

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

Dated: March 28, 2003.

Cheri C. Wolff,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9U61]

State of Massachusetts (And Contiguous Counties in New Hampshire)

Essex County and the contiguous counties of Middlesex and Suffolk in the State of Massachusetts; and Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties in the State of New Hampshire constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on February 20, 2003 in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on December 31, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.189 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9U6100 for Massachusetts; and 9U6200 for New Hampshire.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #P008]

State of North Carolina

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration for Public Assistance on March 27, 2003 the U.S. Small Business Administration is activating its disaster loan program only for private non-profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature. I find that Alamance, Caswell, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Rockingham and Stokes Counties in the State of North Carolina constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by an ice storm occurring on February 27, 2003 and continuing through February 28, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 27, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Non-Profit Organizations without Credit

Available Elsewhere—3.189%

Non-Profit Organizations with Credit

Available Elsewhere—5.500%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is P00811.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59008)

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3481]

State of Ohio (Amendment #2)

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective April 1, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Gallia and Meigs Counties as disaster areas due to

damages caused by a severe winter storm and record snow occurring on February 14, 2003, and continuing through March 18, 2003.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Athens in the State of Ohio; and Jackson, Mason and Wood Counties in the State of West Virginia may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is May 13, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is December 15, 2003.

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

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster 3485]

Commonwealth of Virginia

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on March 27, 2003, I find that Buchanan, Dickenson, Montgomery, Russell, Tazewell and Wise Counties and the Independent Cities of Norton, Roanoke and Salem in the Commonwealth of Virginia constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by a severe winter storm, record snowfall, heavy rain, flooding and mudslides occurring on February 15 through February 28, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 27, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 29, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Fl., Niagara Falls, NY 14303-1192.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Bland, Craig, Floyd, Giles, Lee, Pulaski, Roanoke, Scott, Smyth and Washington in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties in the State of Kentucky; Mercer, McDowell and Mingo counties in the State of West Virginia.