

price. Therefore, if an off-floor broker-dealer limit order is placed on the limit order book, followed by a customer limit order placed on the limit order book at the same price, the off-floor broker-dealer limit order must yield priority to the customer limit order, even though the customer limit order was placed on the limit order book after the off-floor broker-dealer order.

Orders of controlled accounts currently are not required to yield priority to other controlled account orders, except that when both an order of a PHLX ROT closing in-person and some other order of a controlled account are established in the crowd at the same price, and then a customer order is established at that price, the order of the controlled account must yield to the customer order while the order of the PHLX ROT closing in-person does not have to so yield.²⁰

2. Statutory Basis

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act²¹ in general, and section 6(b)(5)²² in particular in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and protect investors and the public interest by providing a system that should result in a greater number of automatic executions for customer and broker-dealer orders on the Exchange, and by providing the specialist with the opportunity to determine if a booked customer limit order has already traded,

²⁰The Exchange notes that it has filed proposed amendments to its rules, including proposed new rules concerning the allocation of trades on the Exchange's Options Floor, pursuant to an order issued by the Commission in relation to settling *In the Matter of Certain Activities of Options Exchanges*, which requires the Exchange (as well as other options exchanges) to implement certain undertakings. See the "Order," supra note 9. One such undertaking is 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. Specifically, the Order required that by March 12, 2001, draft proposed rules must be filed and the Exchange must take all reasonable steps to promptly stop any such practice or procedure that has not been filed or is not already authorized by rule. See section IV.B.j. of the Order. Among the proposed amendments are the elimination of the exception to the yielding requirements for specialist accounts of option specialists, and the elimination of the exception to the yielding requirement for ROTs closing in person. Therefore, under that proposal, controlled accounts would be required to yield priority to customer accounts without exception. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47499 (March 13, 2003), 68 FR 14459 (March 25, 2003) (SR-PHLX-2001-39).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

and to seek the best price available for the customer, at the time an eligible inbound order is received.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve such proposed rule change; or

B. Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, 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-2002-86 and should be submitted by May 7, 2003.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

The Small Business Administration Region IV Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Roundtable on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Music City, 777 McGavock Park, Nashville, TN 37214, 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 W. Clinton Smith in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. W. Clinton Smith, U.S. Small Business Administration, Tennessee District Office, 50 Vantage Way, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37228, phone (615) 736-5039, fax (615) 736-7232, e-mail: w.smith@sba.gov.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Michael L. Barrera,
National Ombudsman.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans, Interest Rates for Third Quarter FY 2003

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 13—Business Credit and Assistance § 123.512, the following interest rate is effective for Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans approved on or after April 14, 2003.

Military Reservist Loan Program—
2.953%

Dated: April 10, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).