

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange currently charges a fee of \$0.003 per share with respect to all inbound orders in Tape B securities (*i.e.*, securities not listed on the New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq) executed against orders residing in the Book. The Exchange now intends to introduce a new pricing tier for Tape B securities of \$0.0028 per share (applicable to inbound orders executed against orders residing in the Book) if the ETP Holder (i) transacts an average daily share volume per month greater than 20 million shares (including transactions that take liquidity, provide liquidity, or route to away market centers) and (ii) provides liquidity an average daily share volume per month greater than 5 million shares.

In addition, the Exchange currently charges a fee of \$0.0035 per share with respect to all Tape B securities routed away and executed by another market center or participant. The Exchange now intends to introduce a new routing pricing tier for Tape B securities of \$0.0029 per share if the ETP holder (i) transacts an average daily share volume per month greater than 20 million shares (including transactions that take liquidity, provide liquidity, or route to away market centers) and (ii) provides liquidity an average daily share volume per month greater than 5 million shares.

The Exchange will also clarify certain language contained in the Fee Schedule. While changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal will be effective upon filing, the changes will become operative on June 1, 2008.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is intended to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable. The proposed rates are part of the Exchange's effort to attract and enhance participation on the Exchange, by offering decreased fees where certain volume thresholds are satisfied. The Exchange also believes that the proposed changes to the Fee

Schedule are equitable in that they apply uniformly to our Users.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder<sup>9</sup> because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to a member imposed by the self-regulatory organization. Accordingly, the proposal is effective upon Commission receipt of the filing. 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2008-53 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2008-53. This

file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE Arca. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2008-53 and should be submitted on or before July 1, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration # 11274 and # 11275]**

**Texas Disaster # TX-00287**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Texas dated 06/04/2008. *Incident:* High Winds, Tornado, Hail and Rain.

*Incident Period:* 05/14/2008 through 05/16/2008.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 06/04/2008.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 08/04/2008.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/04/2009.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Concho, Hidalgo

*Contiguous Counties:*

Texas: Brooks, Cameron, Coleman, Kenedy, McCulloch, Menard, Runnels, Schleicher, Starr, Tom Green, Willacy

*The Interest Rates are:*

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.375
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.687
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11274 B and for economic injury is 11275 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 4, 2008.

**Steven C. Preston,**

*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 6247]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form # DS-1950, Department of State Application for Employment, OMB Control Number 1405-0139**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Department of State Application for Employment.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0139.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Recruitment, Examination, Employment (HR/REE).

- *Form Number:* DS-1950.
- *Respondents:* U.S. Citizens seeking entry into certain Department of State Foreign Service positions and individuals, sophomore through graduate level college and university students, seeking participation in the Department's student programs.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 20,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 1/2 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 10,000.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from June 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Marvin E. Moore, Bureau of Human Resources, Recruitment Division, Student Programs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on 202-261-8869 or by e-mail at [MooreME1@state.gov](mailto:MooreME1@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

The DS-1950 is used by individuals to apply for certain excepted jobs at the Department of State such as Foreign Service specialist and student intern positions.

**Methodology**

Information from the DS-1950 will be collected via mail, fax, and electronic submission.

Dated: May 28, 2008.

**Ruben Torres,**

*Director, Human Resources Executive (HR/EX), Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting**

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, in Room 1408 at the U.S. Department of State at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. The Commissioners will present their report on the human resources dimension of State Department public diplomacy operations, including the following topics:

- The manner in which public diplomacy officers are recruited;
- The degree to which the Foreign Service examination process tests for public diplomacy-related instincts, knowledge and skills;