

- Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2008-134 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-2008-134. 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 the Exchange. 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-2008-134 and should be submitted on or before January 20, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11596 and # 11597]

Texas Disaster # TX-00326

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 12/18/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornados.

Incident Period: 12/08/2008.

Effective Date: 12/18/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/16/2009.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/18/2009.

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: Grayson.

Contiguous Counties:

Texas: Collin, Cooke, Denton, Fannin.

Oklahoma: Bryan, Love, Marshall.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.375
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.687
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.750
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	4.500
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11596 C and for economic injury is 11597 O. The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Texas, Oklahoma. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

December 18, 2008.

Sandy K. Baruah,
Acting Administrator.

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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 January-March quarter of FY 2009.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Grady B. Hedgespeth,

Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6462]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Subcommittee Meetings

Various subcommittees of the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will be holding public meetings in January 2009. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Details for the meetings, including points of contact for further information, are provided in this notice.

I. Facilitation

The SHC's Subcommittee on Facilitation will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, in Room 1303 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the thirty-fifth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 35) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to be held 12-16 January 2009 at the IMO's London Headquarters. The primary matters for discussion for FAL 35 will include:

—General review and implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic;

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).